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First snow of season hits Yongsan

DPW works to insure safe road conditions

By Sgt. Christopher Selmek

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Winter brings snow, ice and hazardous road conditions for drivers in Korea, as people found out last weekend during the first snowfall of the season.

Snow flurries hit Seoul about 7 p.m. Saturday. Soon after, Area II officials initiated the destructive weather plan, and 25 Area II Directorate of Public Works employees received a call to arms.

“Our employees were out working by 9 p.m.,” said Mike Heffernan, Area II DPW chief of building and grounds. “They worked all night long and Sunday to make sure the major roads and community access intersections were clear.”

Heffernan said the three inches of snow was the first test of the season. “They did an excellent job,” he said.

“We’re getting into the winter when the weather can be most destructive,”

said Jerry Casey, Area II Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. “Military police are already keeping an eye out during their patrols for changing weather conditions.”

Workers will be on-call throughout the winter with tons of calcium chloride to melt the ice on roads. The DPW, which coordinates with the Provost Marshal’s Office, Public Affairs and DPTMS to ensure roads are passable and to inform the community about any closures and changes in the current road conditions, has municipal tractors with sweeper attachments to remove ice and snow.

One of their two dump trucks has a snow plow and both have spreaders to spray the de-icing material.

“We also have trailers with spreaders to clear the roads of ice,” Heffernan said. “We like the municipal tractors because they’re narrow and can get right up on sidewalks.”

Yongsan Garrison also has 98 sand containers at the foot of steep hills. The reddish boxes are loaded with sandbags.

“Yongsan is very hilly,” said Yi Tae-



DAVID McNALLY

Sgt. Moon Sung-chul tosses sand in front of a vehicle Dec. 1. The reddish containers at the foot of many hills contain sand bags to give traction during inclement winter weather.

hyong, DPW roads and grounds employee. “When it snows a lot, people can start sliding around. The sand gives traction.”

Yi said DPW does its best to clear snow and ice off the road before people

begin driving on it. But, drivers can still find themselves stuck at the bottom of a hill.

“Sand should be scattered in front of

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CPL. SEO KI-CHUL

Santa’s Little Helper

Santa Claus makes a Dragon Hill Lodge visit Saturday morning, meeting with children from the community and adding a few last-minute gift requests to his list. Annette Minear, 5, poses for a photo during the “Breakfast with Santa” event.

Soldiers receive traumatic injury insurance protection

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense has enacted a traumatic injury protection insurance under the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance, or SGLI program. Dec. 1, all servicemembers eligible for SGLI became insured for traumatic injury protection of up to \$100,000 unless they declined SGLI coverage.

The program, which will be known as TSGLI, is designed to provide financial assistance to servicemembers during their recovery period from a serious traumatic injury. A flat monthly premium of \$1 will be added to the monthly SGLI deduction, regardless of the amount of SGLI coverage that the member has elected, beginning Dec. 1.

A retroactive provision of the law provides that any servicemember, who suffered a qualifying loss between Oct. 7, 2001, and Dec. 1, 2005, will

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When the cavalry really counts

By Sgt. Ken Hall

Army News Service

Too often Americans focus on combat losses in Iraq and overlook the long-term benefits of reconstruction projects in scores of Iraqi cities and towns.

The leaders of the 1st Cavalry Division gave testimony at the House Armed Services Committee Nov. 3 about mission successes, especially the rebuilding of infrastructure, during their tenure in Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Sense of legitimacy

While Soldiers engage and destroy the enemies of the United States in far away lands, destroying the infrastructures of foreign nations is in fact not what American Soldiers do best, nor is it what they aspire to do. One example can be found in Sadr City during 2004, where the 1st Cavalry Division took on the mantle of infrastructure rebuilding oversight that was being carried out by their predecessors in theater, the First Armored Division and 2nd Cavalry Regiment.

"I can't describe the scene in Sadr City in December

2004, when fresh water began flowing from the brand new water network, servicing 100,000 people for the first time ever," said Army Col. Robert Abrams, 1st Cavalry Division chief of staff during Operation Iraqi Freedom II. "This was only one part of the more than \$300 million dollars in large scale infrastructure projects the 1st Cavalry Division oversaw in partnership with USAID and the Iraqi people last year.

"Part of our area of operations included 20 square kilometers of fertile farmland along the Diyala River," said Abrams. "One of my battalions created an Iraqi farmer's co-op, and oversaw the planting of over 240 tons of seed and influenced thousands of Iraqi's perceptions of the United States by donating tons of humanitarian items such as chickens, beef, sheep, shoes and heaters directly to the people."

Rebirth of nation, birth of democracy

Iraq's first post-Saddam Hussein election voter turnout was measured by news services in terms of millions of voters who braved the barrage of insurgents and terrorist car bomb attacks on the voting stations. But there was something overlooked on the front pages

of the world's media coverage; the many faces of a new Iraqi nation.

"During the elections in January 2005, we worked side by side with Iraqi Election Commission officials throughout every step of the process," said Abrams. "And we always ensured there was an Iraqi face in the front, and our Soldiers and junior leaders were right behind them in the background with a large safety net in the event something would be dropped – and things were dropped, but our Soldiers were magnificent, and it was seamless to both the Iraqi people and to the world."

For those who have "bothered to come over there" and have seen what we're doing, they really understand what we're engaged in, said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Neil Ciotola, command sergeant major of the 1st Cavalry Division during 2004. "The Soldiers know that what we're doing over there is honorable and just. American Soldiers are "challenged every day, whether they are in training or on deployments, and they always live up to the challenges," said Ciotola. "Our Soldiers don't just cut down the grass, they plant and replant the grass and help bring life back to the nation."

Consumer Alert

Sony 8GB Micro Vault Thumb Drives

By B.J. Gleason

Special to The Morning Calm Weekly

Recently a number of people have returned from China and have been showing off their latest purchase – Sony 8GB Micro Vault thumb drives. These bright blue and red thumb drives come in shrink-wrapped packages with all the standard accessories. The consumers have bought them from various street vendors for prices ranging from \$25 to \$150. And they have all been ripped off.

Sony doesn't make an 8GB thumb drive. Real 8GB thumb drives from other vendors cost 600 dollars or more. So what did the customers really get? The units the customers purchased were relabeled iCreate 64MB thumb drives that were modified to trick Windows and the user into thinking they bought an 8GB thumb drive. They can be used for a little while, but eventually these units will fail and any data stored on them will be lost. These counterfeit drives are also available on



eBay and many other online stores.

So remember, if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

For information and an in-depth

analysis of these thumb drives, read the full report at the Seoul Computer Club Web site - <http://www.seoulcc.org>.

OHA survey extended Through Dec. 21

175th Finance Battalion

The 2005 Overseas Housing Allowance for Utility survey has been extended until 21 Dec. The survey is conducted annually by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee to collect utility and recurring maintenance expense data from servicemembers who reside in privately leased quarters. PDTATAC uses this data to compute OHA Utility and Recurring Maintenance Allowances for servicemembers.

This year's survey will only be available on the PDTATAC Web site; no paper copies will be available.

To prepare for the surveys, respondents should have actual bills or records of their utility expenses and maintenance expenses of the last 12 months.

To complete the online survey, servicemembers will be asked for the last four digits of their Social Security Number. Responses will be held in strict confidence.

The survey is available at <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/utility>.

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NEWS & NOTES

Christmas Play Sunday

The humble beginnings of the first Christmas contrasted with the extravagant trappings of many modern celebrations are the focus of a dramatic Christmas play scheduled for noon Sunday at the South Post Chapel as part of the Collective Protestant Service.

The play, entitled "Memories of the First Christmas," has been adapted from English playwright Peter D. Lathan's "A Nativity Play." It features the traditional nativity narrative interrupted by dramatic commentaries from four character actors who critique the contemporary traditions of shopping and partying during the Christian holiday season.

DHL Rooms Available During Winter

The Dragon Hill Lodge on Yongsan Garrison has guest rooms available throughout the month of December. At present, rooms are available through Feb. 28.

Call 738-2222, Ext. 6210, for information or to make reservations.

Troop Command Holiday Party

The Commander of the United States Army Troop Command - Korea is hosting a Holiday Party for all Troop Command Soldiers and their families beginning at 5 p.m. Dec. 16, on the Mezzanine Level of the Dragon Hill Lodge. The sequence of events for the Holiday Party is: Social Hour (5-6 p.m.), Santa arrives (5:30 p.m.), commander's Welcome (6 p.m.), Invocation by the battalion chaplain (6:10 p.m.), Food service begins (6:15 p.m.), Mingling and enjoy the party time (6:15-8:50 p.m.), Last Door Prize drawn (8:45 p.m.), commander's closing remarks (8:50-9 p.m.). Troop Command Soldiers should contact their chain of command for information concerning this event.

Free DMZ/JSA Tour

Visiting and/in-country high school and college students of DoD military and civilian personnel, Department of State and DoDDS employees in Korea are invited to a Free tour of the DMZ and Joint Security Area from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 29. Program includes historical briefings and tours of Tunnel #3, OP Dora, Camp Bonifas and Panmunjom. Reservations are required. Limited seats. To sign up call the USFK Public Affairs Office, at 723-4685 or send e-mail to Edwina.Walton@korea.army.mil. Students must have a valid U.S. military ID card or U.S. passport.

Correction

In the Dec. 2 edition of The Morning Calm Weekly, the wrong graphic appeared with a headline reading "21D Soldier receives Bronze Star." The medal shown was the Distinguished Service Cross and not the Bronze Star Medal. We regret the error.

8th Army Soldier takes self help to new level

By Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo

Eighth U.S. Army Public Affairs

After conducting his morning physical training Pfc. Robert Baldwin, like most military Soldiers, gets into his routine; he heads to his barracks room for a quick shower, gets a bite to eat at the dining facility and then heads back to the barracks to start the day's work.

Not a shammer though, this Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Troop Command Korea Soldier is helping his fellow Soldiers on an altogether new level.

"For the last month, I have been renovating barracks Building 2640 for HHC with supervision from 1st Sgt. [Michael] Darbison," he said. "The building has 24, two-man rooms, a huge latrine and laundry room."

By "renovation" he literally means replacing damaged drywall, patching holes in all 24 rooms, then drywall-taping the joints and mudding the patched holes.

"All in all I had to use four five-gallon buckets of drywall mud compound to fix and repair drywall throughout the building," Baldwin said. "This process took almost three weeks to get the walls in good enough shape to start painting."

"I fixed or replaced all 24 'door-closers' in each room. Each room has been cleaned, floors stripped, windows washed (inside only), furniture dusted and base boards replaced or repaired."

"The entire second floor of the building has been painted from ceilings to walls, including the hallways. This required 30 five-gallon cans of paint — myself and personnel from the unit painted all 24 rooms and the hallway. Each room looks new and fresh," he said with a smile.

Baldwin, a 35-year-old father of two, has a considerable amount of experience in this area and was hand-picked by his command to spearhead the repairs.

"I have been a carpenter since the day I graduated high school back in 1988. I went to Lorain County Joint Vocational School in Oberlin, Ohio, for carpentry my junior and senior years in high school," Baldwin said. "I worked for about three construction companies since graduating, the last being a union



STAFF SGT. JOSEPH GRAND

Pfc. Robert Baldwin, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Troop Command Korea, mudds the patched holes in the barracks room that he and several of the unit's Soldiers renovate with the assistance of the Yongsan U.S. Army Garrison's Department of Public Works and Self Help.

construction company, where I became a union carpenter.

"I am very proud to be using my skills as a 21-Whiskey (a carpentry and masonry specialist)," Baldwin said. "There are four 21-Whiskeys and three 21- Romeos (electricians) that I

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Civilian retailers deliver copycat uniforms

AAFES Public Affairs

Special to The Morning Calm Weekly

DALLAS -- While Soldiers anxiously anticipate the arrival of the new Army Combat Uniform, the Army & Air Force Exchange and Army G-1 Uniform Policy Section are receiving numerous complaints regarding commercial retailers offering look-alike uniforms that do not

meet the Army's specifications for quality and design.

"Some commercial outlets are aggressively appealing to Soldiers awaiting the arrival of the official ACU in January," said Military Clothing Sales Store Army Program Manager Maj. Rachel Danielson.

AAFES has received complaints of commercial retailers delivering non-spec

uniforms and representing themselves as an official MCSS.

An Army Reserve staff segeant who received a look-alike uniform advised of numerous problems. "There was no NSN number on the label," wrote Staff Sgt. Grant Von Letkemann. "The top did not have a bellowed back, the arm pockets did not have the IR square or the covering tab, there was no pen pocket on the left sleeve, and the zippers were not as described in the PEO one sheet for the ACU. The bottoms did not have a draw string on the hip pocket, there were cinch straps on the sides, and no drawstring in the front. ... I looked at the invoice and saw that there was no AAFES logo or letterhead. The invoice had the title 'Military Clothing Sales Store MCSS.'"

Army Regulation 670-1 states, "Soldiers purchasing uniforms, uniform items, or heraldic items from establishments other than the Army military clothing sales store must ensure that the items are authorized for wear and that they conform to appropriate military specifications or are manufactured in accordance with the Uniform Quality Control Program ..."

"Unfortunately, a retailer falsely representing themselves as an AAFES MCSS can make it very difficult for troops to fulfill this responsibility," Danielson said.

8th Army outlines combat uniform regulations

YONGSAN GARRISON — 8th U.S. Army has announced wear guidance for Soldiers transitioning to the new Army Combat Uniform while executing their mission of deterrence in the Republic of Korea.

The following items, which are part of the ACU ensemble, are authorized for wear with the Battle Dress Uniform and the Desert Battle Dress Uniform:

- Rigger Belt
- Moisture Wicking T-Shirt (Tan)
- Green Socks
- Army Combat Boots Hot Weather and Temperate Weather (Tan)

The new ACU is expected to be available in area Clothing Sales stores 2006. The new ACU may be purchased and authorized for wear now. Soldiers need to understand that the ACU is more expensive via mail order than it will be in Clothing Sales. Soldiers should ensure that purchases state "Military Specifications" or else they may find that the first time they wash it; the shirt may no longer match the pants and vice-versa.

The phase-in period for the ACU Universal Camouflage pattern is May 2005 to May 2008. During this time period, Soldiers will have a mix of camouflage equipment. Commanders can authorize the wear of BDU and DCU camouflage equipment with the ACU until those items are replaced.

The ACU replaces both the temperate and enhanced hot weather BDU in the clothing bag and the DCU as an organizational clothing and individual equipment item. The ACU will be in the Army Military Clothing Sales stores in April 2006.

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all four wheels of a car,” Yi said. “Each container has several bags of sand in it. People are free to use it whenever they have a need.”

Casey said the color code system is a very effective tool to inform the Area II community of winter weather hazards.

The color green indicates all conditions are normal.

“When road conditions are amber, the bus service will typically continue to operate,” Casey said. “When it’s red, the schools will be closed and you can’t drive a vehicle except for essential, emergency business, and any military vehicles have to use tire chains and get authorization from a lieutenant colonel or above before they can go out.”

When road conditions are black, the roads are generally impassible and all military vehicles are prohibited from movement.

In all cases, the military police will continue to patrol and to make their recommendations to the Area II commander for when to change road conditions and to re-open schools.

“The Area II commander works closely with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools superintendent,” Casey said. “Together they determine closures, delays and early dismissals along with anticipated changes to the school schedule.”

“We get some rain and some snow, and icy road conditions are normal during

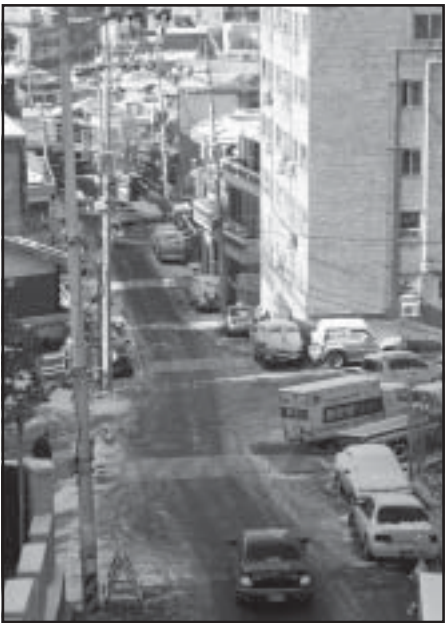


PHOTO BY DAVID McNALLY

Winter snow can make for icy conditions and potentially dangerous driving conditions on the many hills of Seoul and Yongsan Garrison.

December, January and February,” Casey said. “Ice and wind are what we’re primarily concerned with, because that can really make driving unsafe.”

Road condition information is online at <http://www.korea.army.mil/road-conditions/road-conditions.htm>. People can also call 738-ROAD, or tune into AFN Korea radio and television, as well as the Commander’s Access Channel (MWR Channel 3) for road condition updates.

Injury

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receive a benefit under the TSGLI program, if the loss was a direct result of injuries incurred in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Army has already received the first 144 claims for the Traumatic Servicemembers™ Group Life Insurance for Soldiers who incurred a traumatic injury in support of OIF and OEF.

“Our nation’s commitment to our Soldiers is evidenced by this program,” said Col. Mary Carstensen, director of U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program

and TSGLI.

“TSGLI is another benefit that assists our fallen warriors and their families so they can focus on recovery, further exemplifying the Warrior Ethos, ‘Never leave a fallen comrade,’” Carstensen said.

Additional information on the TSGLI benefit, as well as a listing on qualifying injuries, can be obtained by calling 1-800-237-1336 or going to www.aw2.army.mil/TSGLI for application and contact information.

Baldwin

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know here in Yongsan, who are working in the post office, billeting office and training rooms because our jobs are all done by civilian workers in Korea.

“I was happy to learn that I was going to be in charge of renovating the barracks. It’s given me a sense of pride, knowing that I can do something for my fellow Soldiers here in Yongsan,” he said. “My goal is to hopefully help out, wherever and whenever HHC needs building renovation here in Yongsan.”

But Baldwin said he can not take all the credit. Soldiers from different sections, like 8th U.S. Army G1 and G6, HHC Motor Pool and the ROKA Support Office assisted with painting the rooms.

“Also I have had one Soldier from the HHC billeting office, Pvt. (Alaine) Hevlin, [from HHC, USATC-K], who helped from the beginning of this project with painting, stripping and cleaning the building,” he said. “I wish to ‘thank’ these fine Soldiers for their help and support in the renovating of this building. I also received so much

help in getting materials from the Yongsan Army Garrison Department of Public Works and Self-help...’Thank You’ Michael Kutcher and Mr. Hahn from DPW, and Terry Clask from self help.”

The DPW painted the stairwells and laundry room and checked each room to ensure the electrical outlets worked, and replaced outlets that needed it. DPW will be installing fire extinguishers in the hallways to ensure the building is within fire code.

“Everything in this building has been renovated to make sure that each and every Soldier has a nice, clean and safe barracks to live in,” Baldwin said. “This will improve the quality of life and well-being of each Soldier that comes to live in the building from now and into the future.”

The barracks renovation required a trained professional and Baldwin said he was eager to help. And, with the aid of several other individuals, he was able to take the concept of “self-helping” to an all new level.

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Poker tourney draws big crowds to Area I

By Spc. Chris Stephens

Second Infantry Division Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD – When people think of the World Series of Poker, they tend to think of people gambling with their money. However, that wasn't the case at the first Texas Hold 'Em Warrior Country World Series of Poker Tournament.

The first tournament of World Series magnitude held on the peninsula brought out Soldiers, Marines, airmen and civilians for two days of continuous fun Nov. 25-26 at Mitchell's on Camp Red Cloud.

"Every comment I received was extremely positive and very complimentary," said Lt. Col. William Huber, CRC garrison commander. "This is the kind of activity Soldiers are looking for Morale, Welfare and Recreation to be involved with in the future. I really think this poker tournament is going to get a set of legs of its own and grow beyond anyone's imagination."

As for why the tournament was brought to Area I, Chris Bradford, chief of Community Operations Division for Area I MWR, said, "Texas Hold 'Em tournaments are one of the fastest growing sensations sweeping the world. This new craze of poker has caught the interest of young people around the world through televised tournaments and is extremely popular with our Soldiers in Korea, as



PHOTOS BY SPC. CHRIS STEPHENS

Pfc. Ryan Unruh makes a bet at the championship table. Unruh finished in fourth place for the tournament.

well. This type of tournament is exactly what our Soldiers are demanding."

The fact that many people considered the tournament to be gambling was another obstacle for tournament organizers to overcome.

"There is no monetary value associated with chips or position," Huber said. "The tournament is a competitive event that challenges individuals' skills at Hold 'Em. Players are not able to cash out chips for money or prizes. Prizes are strictly limited to those individuals that place in the tournament. Therefore, those that think this event is gambling do not understand the process."

With the start of the tournament came the hopes of 200 people to win. But, in the end, only one

person remained. That person was Marine Maj. Todd D. Hook, who won an AAFES gift certificate worth \$1,000.

"I felt going into the tournament I had a good shot at winning," he said. "I've played live tournament poker and online tournament poker and won both. I also don't like to lose at anything I do, so if I didn't think I could win, I certainly wouldn't have made the trip from Yongsan."

The tournament began with more than 200 people lined up outside of Mitchell's for registration. By the end of the day, half were eliminated, which set up a long showdown for the final day. That day

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Area I, 2ID leaders hear community concerns through AFAP

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP CASEY – U.S. Army officials welcomed 48 Warrior Country delegates Dec. 1-2 to the 2006 Area I and 2nd Infantry Division Army Family Action Plan conference.

Through the AFAP, a bottom-up process beginning with family symposia at the installation level, the Army identifies, prioritizes and ultimately resolves quality-of-life issues. This results in improved services to Soldiers, Army civilians, retirees and their families, which ultimately increases the Army's operational efficiency.

"Before this conference, I did not know anything like this existed," said Spc. Manuel Marrero, Special Troops Battalion. "Soldiers like me got a chance to bring up all the issues and problems that were given to me from my unit."

The first day of the conference, 48 delegates, four facilitators, four recorders,

four issue support, 10 staff and 10 observers critiqued 27 issues. Lt. Col. Mark Johnson, from 2nd Inf. Div. Equal Opportunity, provided all the facilitators.

The four work groups vented and discussed a variety of issues. By the end of the day, delegates provided recommendations on 12 issues for implementation, which were presented to Area I and 2nd Inf. Div. leaders at the out brief the next day.

Force Support and Entitlements Work Group

Issue 1: Post Exchanges in Area I -- Civilian clothing needs of female Soldiers and family members is not being met. Variety is limited, sizes are too small and do not meet the Warrior Standards.

Recommendations: Provide AAFES Northern Exchanges manager with a copy of the Warrior Standards. Also, survey the population of Area I to determine distribution of sizes and styles, and to adjust purchasing practices. In addition, increase awareness

of special order programs to include the shuttle program.

Issue 2: Taxi drivers manipulate routes and rates to increase profits. Soldiers don't

understand how fares are determined.

Recommendations: Establish a flat

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MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON

Joseph Gall, Army Community Service, discusses an issue with Jisum Lim, Family and Community Services Working Group delegate, from C Company, 302nd Base Support Battalion, at the Army Family Action Plan Conference Dec. 1-2 at the Warrior Club, Camp Casey.

NEWS & NOTES

SAPRP Training

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program training will be held from 10–11:30 a.m. Dec. 22 at the Camp Red Cloud Theater and from 1:30–3 p.m. Sunday at the Camp Casey Theater for all military personnel.

Christmas Tree Lightings

The Camp Casey Tree Lighting ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday; Camp Stanley's will be 5 p.m. Dec. 15 and Camp Red Cloud, 5:15 p.m. Dec. 15.

Annual Holiday Project

Army Community Service is conducting an annual holiday project through Thursday. The project provides commissary vouchers during the Christmas holiday for E-5 and below Soldiers with family members residing with them in Area I. Contact unit commanders or first sergeants to make a donation or call 732-7277 for information.

ACS Open House

Army Community Service will hold an open house from 1 - 4 p.m. Thursday at the ACS on Camp Casey.

ADAPT Class

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention classes will be held from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dec. 17 at Camp Casey.

Warrior Invitational Wrestling Tournament

The Warrior Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Camp Casey Carey Physical Fitness Center. Weigh-ins and medical examinations will be from 10–11:30 a.m.

Christmas Angel Tree Program

Army Community Service is sponsoring a Christmas Angel Tree program for E-5s and below to assist in buying gifts for children, 10 years or younger, living in Area I with them. Stop by or call any Area I ACS Center: CRC 732-7779, Stanley 732-5883 or Casey 730-3107.

12 Days Before Christmas

Solicited prizes from "Friends of the USO" will be raffled off on American Forces Network radio every day, beginning 12 days before Christmas, with one prize in the morning and one in the afternoon. Prizes will include phone cards, gift certificates, gift bags, USO trips, hotel accommodations and dinner certificates.

Christmas Raffle Bonanza

The USO Van will visit Area I camps Dec. 21-23 for free Christmas raffle draws on site. Prizes include a stereo, DVD players, CD players, boom boxes and gift certificates. Cookies and brownies also will be provided. A grand raffle draw of round-trip tickets to the United States will be held at the Camp Casey Food Court, Dec. 24.



PHOTOS BY SPC. CHRIS STEPHENS

A wreath is placed to honor the memory of Cpl. Jang Myung-Gee, killed while serving as a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier at the Joint Security Area in November 1984.

KATUSA's ultimate sacrifice remembered

By Spc. Chris Stephens

Second Infantry Division Public Affairs

JOINT SECURITY AREA—For more than 50 years, Republic of Korea and U.S. Soldiers have stood guard on Freedom's Frontier in defense of the ideals of freedom. All gave some, some gave all.

Nov. 23, 1984, one Korean Augmentee to the U.S. Army Soldier gave all in defense of a Soviet defector who himself was willing to sacrifice all for that one shot at freedom.

On that morning, Vasily Matusak dashed across the Military Demarcation Line to freedom during a communist-led tour at the Demilitarized Zone. More than 30 Communist Soldiers chased him firing their weapons in pursuit.

A UN Quick Reaction Force deployed into the JSA to take Matusak to safety and to repel the North Korean attack. The KPA Soldiers were quickly outmaneuvered and isolated in the area of the Sunken Garden, where a 21-minute firefight ensued.

By the end of the firefight, five communists were wounded and three were killed, including the infamous Capt. Park Chul, who ordered the murders of Capt. Arthur Bonifas and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett in the 1976 Axe Murders. But sadly, Pfc. Michael A. Burgoyne was wounded and Cpl. Jang Myung-Gee was killed.

"Their heroic actions were not in vain," said Lt. Col. Paul E. Snyder, commander, United Nations Command Security Battalion—Joint Security Area.

"They protected the defector and allowed him time to escape. Their actions provided fellow UNCSB Soldiers precious seconds to react to the incident, deploy and overwhelmingly defeat the North Korean assault.

"Cpl. Jang died in the most courageous and selfless way any human being can," Snyder said. "He gave his life to save another. His actions will never be forgotten."

For Sgt. 1st Class Gary Ross, 19th Theater Support Command, the memory of the event is all too real for him.

"The alarm went off around breakfast time, and we thought it was just another drill," Ross said. "My first thought was, why a practice drill when we're getting ready to eat?"

But, Ross and his comrades soon realized it wasn't a drill.

"They told us that fourth platoon was in a firefight and to lock and load our weapons," he said. After the firefight, the Soldiers had mixed emotions.

"We were proud that we won the fight, but sad because we lost someone," Ross said. "We weren't in the same platoon, but I knew who he was. He was very motivated and disciplined."

Soldiers and civilians joined the Jang family, Nov. 23, at the Unification Monument to celebrate Jang's life and to praise the service and sacrifice he made more than 20 years ago.

"Cpl. Jang and his comrades were part of something bigger than themselves," Snyder said. "They symbolized more than just friendships of Soldiers from two different nations serving together -- they were in fact the very symbols of the ROK/U.S. alliance.

Cpl. Jang and Pfc. Burgoyne -- like the Soldiers of the UNCSB today, stood literally side-by-side in the same way our armies and our nations have done for more than 50 years along with the commitment and support of the UN and the member states."

Ross, who is the only

servicemember still on active duty who was there that day, admits he didn't jump at the opportunity when first asked to speak at the ceremony.

"I've lived with the events of that day for more than 20 years," Ross said. "I don't like to talk about it."

Cpl. Jang's father Jang Dae Yoon, spoke of the kind of person his son was.

"He was very active as a youth," he said through a translator. "He wanted to be the best he could at everything. He had a lot of U.S. friends."

When asked his opinion on the job U.S. Soldiers are doing in Korea, he replied, "They're doing a great job."

However, for the elder Jang, there are still days where he sheds a tear for his son.

"It still hurts after 20 years," he said. "But, I'm so proud of what he did and happy to see everyone here for him."

The story doesn't end here. Currently serving on the JSA is Cpl. Jang's nephew, Pfc. Jang Jong Eun.

"I'm very proud to have an uncle who sacrificed himself here 20 years ago," he said through a translator.

With the visit of his family for the ceremony, the younger Jang said he was happy that his family could see him pulling the same duty his uncle did 20 years ago. "I hope that one day they can be as proud of me as they are of my uncle," he said.

Every year, more than 150,000 people learn the history of the Soviet Defector Incident and Cpl. Jang's heroic actions and sacrifice.

"There is no doubt that future generations of UNCSB Soldiers will be inspired by his service and commitment," Snyder said. "His actions serve as a reminder of what we expect from disciplined, well-trained Soldiers. Cpl. Jang is not forgotten. He will never be forgotten. He is forever, 'In Front of Them All.'"

Poker

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saw more than 10 hours of action, as the field was whittled down to the final two players.

When asked about the effect the 10 hours had on him, Hook replied, "It's very draining. I was so amped to play that I skipped the evening meal. My blood sugar must have been way down because I was cold. I was getting by on Diet Coke. I'd be willing to bet some of the players slept in longer on Sunday than they had in quite a while."

As with every competition, there's always someone who finishes second. Capt. Daniel Goldberg, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, had that distinction.

"There is no shame in coming in second place," he said. "I played my cards as well as I could. The only disappointment comes from the fact that I had such a large chip lead going into heads-up play. But, that's what poker is all about – the best hand doesn't always hold up. That's what makes it exciting and fun – anyone can win."

As for plans of future tournaments, Huber said, "We plan to continue the

World Series of Poker by taking it to Camp Casey in January or February, then to Yongsan in March or April and back to CRC in May or June.

Additionally, we are looking to expand the games to include Omaha and Stud poker games."

The players at this first tourney were ready for more action and looking forward to any upcoming tournaments.

"It's always fun to play poker with a wide range of people," Goldberg said. "The best part about it is just chatting with people during the tournament and making jokes."



Chips are counted as the dealer makes an in-call.



The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders will visit Warrior Country Dec. 24-25. A list of events includes:

Dec. 24
Noon – 1 p.m., Lunch with Soldiers at Camp Bonifas Dining Facility
1 – 1:30 p.m., Autograph/Photograph session at Camp Bonifas DFAC
2 – 2:30 p.m., Autograph/Photograph sessions at Detachment J and Det. L Day Rooms
3 – 3:30 p.m., Autograph/Photograph session at Det. K Day Room
3:20 – 4 p.m., Autograph/Photograph session at Camp Mobile DFAC
4:20 – 4:50 p.m., Autograph/Photograph session at Camp Casey USO
7 – 8:30 p.m., Performance at Camp Casey Carey Fitness Center

8:30 – 9 p.m., Autograph/Photograph session at Carey Fitness Center
Dec. 25
10:40 – 11:50 a.m., Autograph/Photograph session at Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Club
1:20 – 2:20 p.m., Autograph/Photograph session as Camp Jackson Bubble Gym
1:40 – 2:30 p.m., Autograph/Photograph session at Camp Castle Hard ROK Café
2:50 – 4:10 p.m., Autograph/Photograph session at Camp Hovey Iron Triangle Club and Camp Stanley's Reggie's Club
7 – 9 p.m., Performance/Autograph and photograph session at Camp Casey Carey Fitness Center

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rate charge for inter- and intra-post movements within Area 1. Display a placard in every taxi with information on driver's identification, rates and charges and how Soldiers can make a complaint. Also, increase number of taxis.

Issue 3: Commissary stocking practices of meat are not convenient to Soldiers at 5 p.m.

Recommendation: Maintain a meat reserve to restock meat shelves after duty hours.

Medical and Dental Work Group

Issue 1: Soldiers are not provided opportunities while in Korea to be treated with routine dental care. Bridge work, cleaning and crowning are not offered on a large scale basis.

Recommendations: Initiate a dental program to make it feasible for Soldiers to get routine Category 2 level procedures. Increase number of dental providers and increase number of appointments by extending dental clinic hours.

Issue 2: Physicians are treating Soldiers symptoms rather than curing the physical conditions. Soldiers are given temporary solutions for more serious conditions. This creates multiple medical visits resulting in missed work hours.

Recommendations: Provide tickets to 121 Hospital. Refer Soldiers to specialized care earlier in treatment diagnosis, ensuring individualized care. Educate unit-level dental and medical liaisons by offering courses to make it easier for Soldiers dealing with medical issues, while defining the liaisons' role.

Issue 3: Soldiers' families are not given the proper dental treatment in Area 1. Families must travel to Area II or further for adequate care.

Recommendations: Increase number of dentist and dental assistants in Area 1. Amend policy to include Soldiers' families for other than emergency care.

Relocation, Housing and Transportation Work Group

Issue 1: There are unhealthy living conditions in the barracks. Mold and poor ventilation systems promote unhealthy conditions.

Recommendations: Implement monthly inspections by medical staff to address unhealthy living conditions. Increase barracks improvement funds to correct deficiencies found by medical staff.

Issue 2: Current bus schedule does not meet Soldiers' needs during peak times before curfew and on weekends.

Recommendation: Extend bus schedule to accommodate Soldiers on weekends and holidays.

Issue 3: Barracks lack same quality of amenities across Area 1. The majority of barracks in Area 1 don't have kitchens, day rooms and AKO labs.

Recommendation: Provide same amenities to all Soldiers throughout Area 1.

Family and Community Services Work Group

Issue 1: Unit leadership is not honoring the obligation per the tuition assistance program to allow Soldiers to attend classes. Approximately 20 percent of enrolled Soldiers are prevented from attending classes due to mission or duty requirements.

Recommendation: Enforce adherence to tuition assistance policies and regulations throughout the chain of command.

Issue 2: There are approximately 2,000 noncommand-sponsored families in Area I with an estimated 400 young children without available child care. Spouses are unable to work and volunteer in the Army community.

Recommendation: Provide child care programs for families in Area 1.

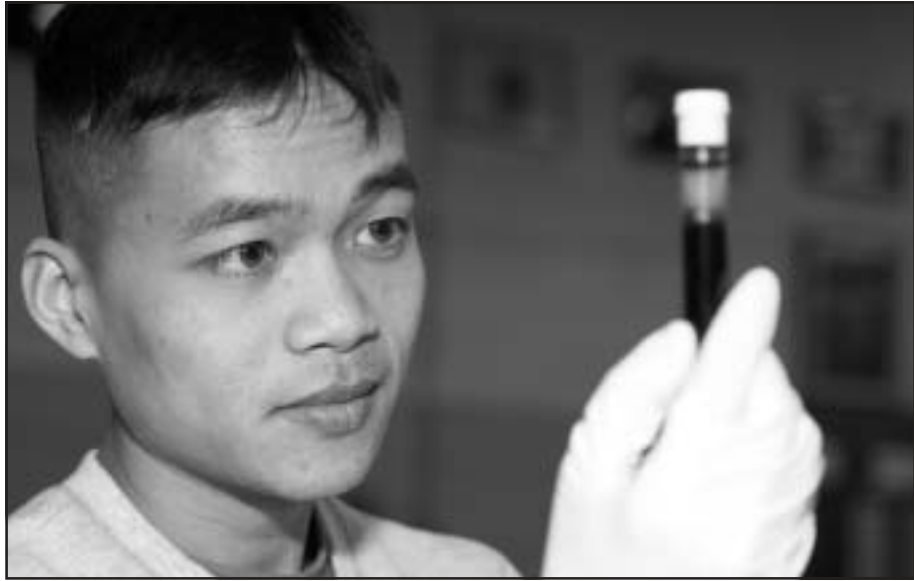
Issue 3: Area 1 does not provide furniture for off-post housing. Area 1 is noncommand-sponsored; however, there are family members who reside off post.

Recommendations: Allow Soldiers to sign for excess furniture for use for their families in off-post housing. Allow Soldiers to ship personal furniture to Korea for off-post residence at government expense. Amend policy to allow off-post furnishings for noncommand-sponsored families.

"It was exciting to see how this process, with a wide range of experience within the Army community, can bring about change," said Maj. Clint McWhorter, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery. "It was a very low-threat environment. We had well-balanced discussions and everyone had an equal voice. No one knew what my rank was until the end of the day."

Within the next 30 days, the AFAP steering committee, chaired by Col. Forrest Newton, Area I commander, will consider every submitted issue for possible implementation or further discussion.

Potential bone marrow donors line up at Collier



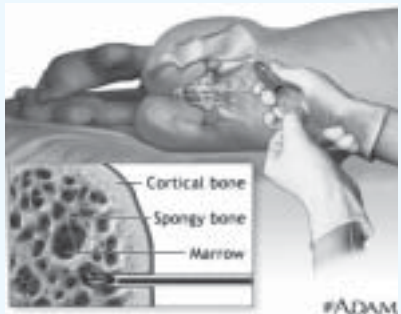
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Second Lt. Phantha Boon examines a blood sample he extracted from a potential bone marrow donor Dec. 1 at Collier Field House. Boon works at the 121st General Hospital.

What is bone marrow?

Bone marrow is the tissue comprising the center of large bones. It is the place where new blood cells are produced.

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“You could be a perfect match for someone and never know.”

— Capt. Jennifer Cyr



Capt. Jennifer Cyr, a 121st General Hospital nurse, gets blood drawn. Cyr volunteered to be a potential bone marrow donor.

Chance to save lives draws many to sign up for program

By David McNally

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — People with a motivation to help others lined up at bone marrow donor drives Nov. 29 - Dec. 2. at camps Humphreys, Red Cloud, Casey, Walker, Carroll, Hialeah and Yongsan's Collier Field House.

It is the first U.S. Forces Korea bone marrow drive since 1999. Organizers explained it was strictly a registration process.

The Department of Defense is one of more than 90 programs to put people on the National Marrow Donor Program Registry.

“If somebody is a match on that registration, they will be further tested, and then actually have their bone marrow harvested,” said Maj. Rex Berggren, 18th Medical Command lab consultant.

Berggren said he was pleased with the turnout.

The drive started at Camp Humphreys Nov. 29, where medical officials collected 83 potential donors. At Camp Red Cloud, 85 people registered Nov. 30. Area IV and Yongsan collected 216 potential donors Dec. 1. The drive ended Dec. 2 at Camp Casey with 83 potential donors.

At the registration, people filled out paperwork and donated a 5-7 milliliter blood sample.

“When most people they think about bone marrow, it’s not a pleasant thought,” Berggren said. “People don’t think it is a simple thing to collect.”

Berggren said there are two collection methods.

One involves inserting a needle into a pelvic-region bone, called the superior iliac crest, and soft bone marrow is extracted. The donor is under anesthesia, but Berggren likened the soreness to a bruise one might receive falling down while skating.

“It’s painful; you’re going to be sore,” he said. “But you’ve got to remember this is a life-saving opportunity. If you consider a sore hip worth saving somebody’s life, I think it’s worthwhile.”

Stem cells can also be collected from peripheral blood.

“That’s just like donating blood,” Berggren said. “It’s a lot more time consuming though. It takes about a week to 10 days, because you have to take medication.”

This collection method involves separation and collection of stem cells from other cells, such as red and white blood cells in the peripheral blood.

Regardless of the collection method, the Defense Department program connects donors with people in need.

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KATUSA Soldiers bid farewell to Army life

By Cpl. Seo Ki-chul

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Every month, Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers celebrate the final separation of comrades and commanders from the Republic of Korea Army, in a much anticipated ceremony at the Multipurpose Training Facility.

The Republic of Korea requires all males to perform government service for two years. For some, that means a stint in the Armed Forces; others can choose a tour of duty with the Korea National Police. But for more than 1,400 KATUSA Soldiers who complete their service each year, the opportunity to serve has meant living among Americans, being immersed in the English language and making intercultural friendships that could last a lifetime.

To join the program, young Korean men have to achieve high test scores. As a result, American Soldiers have the opportunity to work along side some of the brightest minds in Korea.

Area II Commander, Col. Ron. Stephens recalled his experience with

KATUSA Soldiers during a Nov. 18 congratulatory address at the ceremony.

“My experience with KATUSA Soldiers goes back many years to the 2nd Infantry Division,” said Stephens. “I had about 20 KATUSA Soldiers in my platoon. All of them were the best Soldiers without a doubt.”

One KATUSA Soldier from the group expressed how military service affected his life.

“I tried to be highly motivated,” said Sgt. Yang Min-mo, a KATUSA Soldier leaving the 305th Quartermaster Company. “I have proudly served my country as a military diplomat.”

Yang was the keynote speaker for his ETS ceremony.

Since the darkest days of the Korean War, the KATUSA program has shown its value in strengthening ties between Koreans and Americans.

“I realized how we act can be what the U.S. Soldiers think of Koreans,” Yang said.

Each month, KATUSA Soldiers leave their uniforms behind, but take their experience and memories with them.

Stephens said he believes somebody in the group will be one of Korea’s future leaders.

“You are going to be the guys who take this country to the next step,” he said. “I hope those experiences with the U.S. Army have been positive and you take it with you wherever you go.”

Stephens and Area II ROKA Support Group Commander Lt. Col. Kang Sung-ryong presented a letter of appreciation and souvenir to each Soldier to celebrate their new start.

Cpl. Jun Hun-su, Area II Support Activity, was one of the KATUSA Soldiers on hand to watch the others end their tour of service.

“It is most KATUSA Soldiers’ ultimate goal to complete their two years of military service without any problem,” said Jung, who has about six months left in the military.

Jung said he envied those outgoing Soldiers for successfully finishing their service. “Now I feel mine is not that far,” he said.

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Seongnam hosts tour for K-16 Air Base Soldiers

By Steve Davis

Area II Public Affairs

SEONGNAM — Thirty-seven Area II Soldiers got a high-tech view of the city surrounding K-16 Air Base Dec. 1 during a tour hosted by the Seongnam city government.

The Soldiers were from units at or near K-16 Air Base, an installation co-located in Seongnam with the Republic of Korea Air Force’s Seoul Air Base. They included 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment; 164th Air Traffic Services Group; 595th Maintenance Company and Soldiers from the Command Post Tango security force.

They toured two Korean companies fast becoming powerhouses in the Republic of Korea’s international high-tech export business.

Their first stop was the Korea Telecom Exhibition Center. KT is a leading international information technology company. In the company’s “Hi-Tech Hub”

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Christmas Concert

Vivaldi's "Gloria" will be presented 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at the South Post Chapel. Admission is free and open to the public. For information, call 738-6055.

Hannam Village Tree Lighting

The entire Yongsan community is invited to the Hannam Village Tree Lighting Ceremony 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Hannam Village Front Gate Circle. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony and free pictures with Santa will be available. For information, call 723-6721.

Family NBC Mask Training

Family members may attend a class 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. Monday or Tuesday on the use of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical protective equipment. Participants must bring their assigned M17 Protective Mask. Training equipment will be provided for babies and hard-to-fit adults. Classes are at the 38th Chemical Detachment classroom in Building T4832 near the Yongsan Auto Craft Shop on MP Hill. For information, call 738-3658 or 4544.

Holiday Basketball Tournament

Area II Support Activity will host a Pacific-wide men's and women's Holiday Basketball Tournament 3 p.m. Dec. 16 at Collier Field House on Yongsan South Post. Games Dec. 17-21 will begin 8 a.m. and continue through 11 p.m. each day. For information, contact the Sports Office at 738-8608.

DHL Christmas Caroling

Seoul American Middle School students will sing Christmas carols 9:30-10 a.m. Friday and 9:30-10 a.m. and noon-12:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. For information, call 738-2222.

Toys for Tots Volunteers

The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is looking for a few good volunteers to help with its annual toy drive. Help collect and distribute toys to orphanages and other worthy charities. For information, call at 723-7088.

SOFA Stamp Service

The next Status of Forces Stamp service will be offered Dec. 27 at Army Community Service on Yongsan South Post. Pre-register at Building 4106, room 118. For information on SOFA Stamps, call 738-4617.

Operation Good Cheer

Register now for Operation Good Cheer/Eager Student, which offers holiday classes at the Yongsan Education Center. For details, call the University of Maryland at 723-4294 or Central Texas College at 723-4290.

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For more Area II News & Notes, visit the Area II Support Activity Web site at <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area2> and look for a link under "Area II Highlights at a Glance."

Bells ring over Yongsan Christmas kettles

By Cpl. Seo Ki-chul

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — The Salvation Army is collecting Christmas kettle donations in front of the main exchange and food court throughout the holiday season.

The fund-raising campaign reaches out to needy people, to provide a wide variety of social services.

"The Salvation Army has been setting up the 'Christmas kettle' in Yongsan Garrison for more than 30 years," said Maj. Lim Hyun-taek from the Salvation Army Korea Territory. "It is very special because we initiate this annual event here in Yongsan."

The Salvation Army gathered more than \$3,000 in donations last year and anticipates this year's campaign will exceed last year's figure.

Lim explained that even a small amount of money can contribute to great welfare programs for people dreading the winter and suffering from natural disasters.



CPL. SEO KI-CHUL

Sarah Porter and her sister, Shaina, both 4, put money into a Christmas Kettle Nov. 26 in front of the food court.

"Thanks to last year's great contribution, we could help many people in desperate need of our support," Lim said. "Those included unsupported elderly, orphans, disabled and even tsunami and

Hurricane Katrina victims."

Lim said helping others breaks down barriers between people and makes one happy.

"The Salvation Army is one of the few trustworthy organizations in the world," said Sgt. 1st Class Keith Coleman, Special Operations Command Korea. "I've been familiar with this kind of charitable event since I was young."

Even children got involved.

"There were some young donors accompanied by their parents," Lim said. "I believe they got something special out of this charitable activity. I hope many people show their humanity, regardless of the amount of money."

The Salvation Army will be at the main exchange and food court 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Saturday, as well as Dec. 17 and Dec. 21-24.

For information, visit www.salvationarmy.org.

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Yongsan elementary school takes 'Hats Off to Reading'

By Pfc. Lee Yang-won

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — The Seoul American Elementary School held a "Hats Off to Reading" event Nov. 29 for children and parents.

The 2005 "Hats Off to Reading" program included a play, a student choir, reading stations and a literacy workshop for parents.

"It's a great opportunity for us to encourage kids to read more in a much more fun way," said Wilbert Woodfork, a literacy support specialist. "It's nice for practically everybody involved in the community."

Elementary students wore silly hats and gathered in groups to listen to their favorite stories and to participate in games.

The event started in the gymnasium with a "Goldilocks" play and a well-known Korean fairy tale, "Shimchung Jun."

"By performing plays and games, the kids not only have a good time but involuntarily improve their reading and thinking ability," said Lt. Cmdr. James Park, Combined Navy Forces Korea. "Parents can actually take home activities and engage in learning."

The variety of hats worn by the children showed they were focused on the event.

"The hats are a way of showing enthusiasm for reading," said Rolanda Flood-Lewis, reading coordinator. "This is already the thirteenth year of this



PFC. LEE YANG-WON

Seoul American Elementary School kids watch a play Nov. 29 at a "Hats Off to Reading" event.

special event, and every year school was full of children wanting to take parts in plays, the choir and activities."

She said this event is especially nice for the kids, because showing up with different looks means they have a positive attitude toward reading and they want to participate in every part of it.

Organizers held literacy workshops for parents to help them enhance their understanding, and to generate interest about reading.

"Many parents think reading is important to their child," Woodfork said. "Attending workshops like this will help them push kids to books in a more fun

way."

Designated readers read classic books out loud, like "Goldilocks," "The Three Pigs" and also some new books.

"I have three kids in school and I think it's nice to read books in front of kids," said Mike Dougherty, a designated reader.

Dougherty also recommended some books his children enjoy reading to other parents.

The Parent-Teacher Organization sponsored a Scholastic Book Fair after the event.

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Army quarterback Tyronne Smith rushes toward the goal line with Navy defender Eric Franklin encroaching during the 2005 Army-Navy Flag Football competition.

Army defeats Navy 12-6 in flag football

By Cpl. Seo Ki-chul

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON —Army handily defeated Navy 12-6 during the 2005 Army-Navy flag football game Saturday at Seoul American High School Falcon Field.

Unfortunately, the score was not mirrored in the real Army-Navy game in Philadelphia, where Navy trounced Army 42-23 in the 106th meeting of the college teams.

At Yongsan, this was the third consecutive year Army took the trophy. Tensions were high as the score was tied at 6 at the end of the first half.

"It's a great day to be in the military," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Herndon, 8th U.S. Army. "I've seen this game four times here in Korea. It used to be just a little game, but it really evolved into a big community event."

The match has been held for 15 years and is designed to confirm and strengthen the friendship between the Army and Navy.

"Today's players consist of active-duty military members serving in Korea," said Program Coordinator Bennie Jackson. "The difference is the Army team is comprised only of Area II Soldiers, but the Navy combined personnel from the Navy and Marine Corps throughout the peninsula."

This year the Army hosted the match while the Navy visited.

United States Forces Korea Commander Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, 8th U.S. Army Commander Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell and Area II Commander Ron Stephens visited the field to encourage the competitors.

Following LaPorte's coin toss for kick off, the two rivals confronted one

another with the goal of winning the command trophy.

Sgt. Kenneth Brandon, Army offensive guard, said the game turned out quite successful.

"It's always exciting to play with the Navy," he said. "It's good for us to come together as a team and as parts of the same military. Unfortunately, I won't be here next year, but I look forward to playing another Army-Navy game at my next duty station."

Navy Coach Thomas Steward said the game was fantastic even though they did not take the trophy.

"The result is not that important," Steward said. "I think today's game was a friendly one. We competed with each other, but we are definitely one team in the military and one team in war."

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Navy quarterback Jeffery Martin searches for an open team member.



Navy hikes the ball while an unrelenting Army team waits.



Navy cheerleaders inspire their team.



Above: Army player Gray Oliver looks for a chance to break through the defensive line.

Left: Crowds brave the cold weather Saturday to see Army defeat Navy in flag football.

Holiday safety makes season brighter

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Even during a joyous holiday season, disaster sometimes strikes due to accidents or negligence.

“Make your season bright and happy by keeping safety at the top of your holiday wish list,” said Jeff Hyska, Area II Support Activity safety officer.

Hyska said Christmas trees, candles and electrical connections are the most common fire hazards during the holidays. He offers these tips on buying and maintaining a Christmas tree.

■Those considering using an artificial tree should look for the “Fire Resistant” label when purchasing. Be aware that even fire-resistant artificial trees can catch fire, especially if they have years of dust buildup on them. Wash the artificial tree each year and store the parts in plastic bags. When decorating, be sure lights are

designed for artificial tree use.

■If buying a fresh tree, lift the tree and tap the trunk on the ground. Only a few needles should fall, and the trunk should be sticky with sap. Make sure the needles are attached firmly to the twigs and that the needles can be bent without breaking. Once the tree is home, immerse it in a bucket of water until ready to decorate. When ready to put up the tree, cut a one- or two-inch diagonal slice off the bottom of the trunk. The new cut helps the tree absorb water and will preserve freshness. Put the tree in a sturdy stand with widespread legs and keep the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors.

■Keep the tree at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces and space heaters. When the holidays are over, take the tree outside as soon as possible. Recycle or discard it according to your local city or county regulations.

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“The DoD is one of the few programs to actually pick up 100 percent of the tab,” Berggren said. “If you are confirmed as a match, you and a family member would fly back to the Washington, D.C. area.”

He said the donor would be on temporary duty status, where the government pays for transportation and lodging.

Berggren said military people are very community-minded. “They are giving

people,” he said.

A 121st General Hospital nurse, Capt. Jennifer Cyr, was one of the first people to sign up Dec. 1 at Collier Field House.

“This is the easy part,” she said. “You could be a perfect match for someone and never know.”

Cyr said the marrow grows back. “It affects you for a short time and may hurt for a while, but you can save somebody’s life,” she said.

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showroom, the Soldiers were introduced to “smart appliances” and other modern uses of globally linked communications. They toured displays that included a central computer that powers home heating and other systems, a computerized home media system, a home emergency center, a high-tech telemarketing center and more.

“It was really impressive,” said Spc. Tammy Hedgepeth, 24, a supply specialist with the 595th Maintenance Company who hails from Rocky Mountain, N.C. “I really liked the sports car with the global navigation system.”

Hedgepeth, who has been in Korea for more than a year, said the tour was her first in Seongnam.

The group also toured the ED Corporation, a leader in robotics and automation for the educational and communications industries, as well as international consulting.

“This is the first time U.S. Soldiers have come to our company,” said tour guide Pak Man-su. “We are very glad to have you here.”

Pak took the group to a large showroom full of robotic and automation trainers and explained for nearly an hour how each was improving workplace efficiencies.

The Soldiers then boarded their tour bus for a short ride to the Blue Diamond Chinese restaurant, where they were greeted by Seongnam Vice Mayor Yang In-kwon and treated to a formal eight-course lunch.

“This is the first time Seongam has hosted a tour for American Soldiers,” Yang said during a welcome speech before lunch. “We want you to understand our city and enjoy a close, tight relationship.”

Yang toasted the group, which included Multifunction Aviation Brigade Deputy Commander Col. Benjamin Williams. Williams thanked the mayor for Seongnam’s hospitality.

Seated at the table with Williams and Yang were Spc. David J. Lee, 21, and Sgt. Callandra Mondy, 23.

Lee, whose Korean parents immigrated to the United States before he was born, said he had only visited Korea a few times before being assigned to Company B, 58th Aviation Regiment, as an air traffic controller in Korea in May. He said he was impressed by the Republic of Korea’s high-tech advances.

“You can even pay for a meal using your cell phone,” he said.

Lee, who speaks fluent Korean, chatted with the vice mayor during lunch, telling him about his life in America and what it’s like in the U.S. Army.

Mondy, an avionics mechanic in Korea for a year with 2-2 Aviation, said she had heard “third-world horror stories” about Korea while assigned in Germany.

“Those stories just weren’t true,” she said. “This is a wonderful place. I was surprised how far they’ve come.”

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‘Families First’ designed to improve military moves

Camp Casey Claims

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As a military servicemember, moving is a big part of your life. Moving to a new location can be very stressful. Often, the biggest concern is the packing, handling and shipping of personal belongings to a new location. The Surface Deployment and Distribution Command have responded to this concern by developing a new “Families First” program. The program focuses on meeting the moving needs of servicemembers and promoting quality service.

Servicemembers and Department of Defense civilians who move will have an opportunity to complete Web-based customer satisfaction surveys. These surveys are also used to measure the performance of the movers, as well as the performance of the personal property shipping offices.

“Families First” is a customer-focused, streamlined program that continually monitors customer satisfaction. In the past, shipments were normally awarded to the lowest cost carriers. Beginning in February 2006, the quality of the carrier will be judged by a “Best Value Score.” This score is based primarily on the results of the customer satisfaction surveys. Now, servicemembers have a unique opportunity to influence the quality of future moves for themselves, other servicemembers and their families.

The survey will be conducted on all domestic and international household goods shipments, as well as all international unaccompanied baggage shipments. The survey would also collect data on direct procurement method shipments, non-temporary storage shipments and local moves.

Results of the surveys will be provided to the carriers for their quality control efforts. The “Families

First” system is expected to improve the quality of service almost immediately, as carriers strive to improve their score in preparation for the new program.

When a servicemember is receiving a counseling session at the PPSO prior to a move, an account will be established in the Customer Satisfaction Survey application. Once the move is complete, customers can complete the survey on line at the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Web site (www.sddc.army.mil). Customers can access the survey in one of two ways: using the user ID and password created during their counseling session, or waiting to receive an e-mail with survey instructions

and Web links.

Some customers who do not fill their surveys online may be contacted by SDDC Customer Service representatives. The representative will walk customers through questions on the survey and record the customer’s responses. These telephone surveys will be conducted only when a specific carrier does not have a statistically valid number of responses to evaluate their performance.

SDCC encourages all Servicemembers and DoD civilians to take full advantage of the customer surveys. Increased participation allows SDCC to rate the quality of the carriers they use. Hopefully, bad moves then become a thing of the past.

Standard ID to replace Common Access Card

By Army Sgt. Sara Wood

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A standardized identification card is being developed for all federal employees.

The new card will replace the common access cards that military personnel, government civilians and contractors now hold, said Mary Dixon, deputy director of the Defense Manpower Data Center.

The new cards will look much the same as CACs, with a few changes, Dixon said. The color scheme will be different and more information will be embedded in the card, she said.

The added information will be a biometric of two fingerprints, to be used for identification purposes, and a string of numbers that will allow physical access to buildings, Dixon said.

The biggest change will be the addition of wireless

technology, which will allow the cards to be read by a machine from a short distance away, Dixon said. This will make the new cards much easier to use for access to buildings than CACs, which must be swiped through a reader, she said.

The new cards themselves will not be enough to grant access to all federal buildings, Dixon said. Rather, they will be checked against each building’s database to determine if an individual has access.

Dixon said a prototype of the new card is being developed and will be finalized in the next couple of months. The cards will be issued starting in October 2006 to all military personnel, government civilians and qualified contractors. In the Defense Department, all employees should have the new cards within three and a half years, she said. A timeline has not been set for the rest of the federal government.

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REEL TIME

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AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
CASEY 730-7354	Lord of War R	Lord of War R	Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire PG-13	Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire PG-13	Into the Blue PG-13	Walk the Line PG-13	Walk the Line PG-13
HENRY 768-7724	Two for the Money R	Greatest Game Ever Played PG	Get Rich or Die Tryin' R	Into the Blue PG-13	No Show	No Show	No Show
HUMPHREYS 753-7716	Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire PG-13	Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire PG-13	Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire PG-13	Two for the Money R	Into the Blue PG-13	Walk the Line PG-13	Walk the Line PG-13
HIALEAH 763-3120	Get Rich or Die Tryin' R	Exorcism of Emily Rose PG-13	Serenity PG-13	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
HOVEY 730-5412	Two for the Money R	Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire PG-13	Lord of War R	Two for the Money R	Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire PG-13	Lord of War R	Into the Blue PG-13
KUNSAN 782-4987	An Unfinished Life PG-13	Two for the Money R	Into the Blue PG-13	No Show	No Show	No Show	Lord of War R



An Unfinished Life
Still in shock from his only son's death a decade ago, Einar has let his ranch fall into ruin along with his marriage. Now, Einar spends his days caring only for his hired handyman and last trusted friend, Mitch, who was gravely injured in an encounter with a grizzly bear. Einar intends to live out his days in this heartbroken solitude...until the very person he blames for his son's accident comes to town: his daughter-in-law Jean.



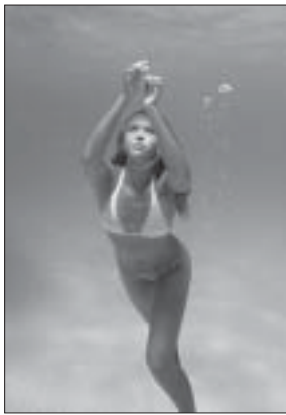
Serenity -- Captain Malcolm Reynolds, a hardened veteran on the losing side of a galactic civil war, now ekes out a living pulling off small crimes and transport-for-hire aboard his ship, Serenity. He leads a small, eclectic crew who are the closest thing he has left to family -- squabbling, insubordinate and undyingly loyal. When Mal takes on two new passengers -- a young doctor and his unstable, telepathic sister -- he gets much more than he bargained for.



Walk the Line -- He picked cotton, sold door to door, and served in the Air Force. He was a voice of rebellion that changed the face of rock and roll. An outlaw before today's rebels were born -- and an icon they would never forget. He did all this before turning 30. And his name was Johnny Cash. WALK THE LINE explores the early years of the music legend, an artist who transcended musical boundaries to touch people around the globe. As his music changed the world, Cash's own world was rocked by the woman who became the love of his life: June Carter.



Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire
In his fourth year at Hogwarts, Harry faces his greatest challenges and dangers yet. When he is selected under mysterious circumstances as a contestant in the Triwizard Tournament, Harry must compete against the best young wizards from schools all over Europe. But as he prepares, signs begin to point to the return of Lord Voldemort. Before long, Harry is playing not just for the Cup, but for his life.



Into The Blue
When four young divers discover a legendary shipwreck rumored to contain millions in gold at the bottom of the sea, they believe their dream of buried treasure has come true. But nearby on the ocean floor, a sunken plane full of illegal cargo threatens their find. The friends make a pact to keep quiet about both discoveries so they can excavate the shipwreck before a rival treasure hunter uncovers their secret and beats them to the gold. But their plan goes awry when they realize dangerous smugglers are already closing in on the missing plane, and one of the friends makes a fatal decision.



Yours, Mine & Ours
A widow and widower fall in love and get married, but the resulting combined eighteen children -- along with drastically different parenting style, make for a hair-raising situation when the two families become one and all start living under one roof.

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LONG 721-3407	The Man PG-13	No Show	The Man PG-13	Dreamer PG	No Show	No Show	No Show
OSAN 784-4930	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	An Unfinished Life PG-13	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	Two for the Money R	Two for the Money R	Into the Blue PG-13	Into the Blue PG-13
RED CLOUD 732-6620	Lord of War R	Lord of War R	Walk the Line PG-13	Walk the Line PG-13	40-Year-Old Virgin R	No Show	Yours, Mine & Ours PG
STANLEY 732-5565	Walk the Line PG-13	Walk the Line PG-13	Lord of War R	Two for the Money R	No Show	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	Into the Blue PG-13
YONGSAN I 738-7389	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	Greatest Game Ever Played PG	Lord of War R	Lord of War R	Lord of War R	Two for the Money R
YONGSAN II 738-7389	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	An Unfinished Life PG-13	An Unfinished Life PG-13	An Unfinished Life PG-13	Transporter 2 PG-13	Transporter 2 PG-13	Transporter 2 PG-13
YONGSAN III 738-7389	Serenity PG-13	Red Eye PG-13	Red Eye PG-13	The Cave PG-13	The Cave PG-13	Into the Blue PG-13	Into the Blue PG-13

Clinging to God and living in the present

By Chaplain (Capt.) Joseph A. Velez
602nd ASB

Many times we find ourselves asking over and over the same questions: “What does the future hold for me? What can I hope for? What about tomorrow? What about the next week, next month, next year?”

Speaking to the multitudes with profound wisdom and compassion, Christ Jesus answered all these questions, saying, “Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” (Matthew 6:34 NRSV)

A great philosopher once said, “I have had a great deal of trouble in my life ...” and after a pause he added, “... and most of it never happened.” In the famous Sermon on the Mountain, Christ Jesus taught

that we must stop needless worrying in order to live a productive life. Worrying too much about the future is not only harmful to us but also a waste of valuable time and energy. We need to realize that life is like a candle — it is lit once we are born, and keeps burning until it flickers out. But regardless of how short life may be, it is also full of opportunities to do good and to light up the world around us.

If we really want to live a happy and healthy life, not only must we stop worrying about the future, we must also stop dwelling in the past. Brooding over the past is indeed an escape from the real issues of life. When we keep thinking about the past as “the good old days” — when life was simple and carefree, something is wrong. We have escaped into a never-never land of make believe, forgetting that there were heartaches and problems in every period of our past.

Perhaps our brooding over the past has to do with those negative things we have done or which have been done to us. But who is it that does not have a closet full of past regrets and resentments? Certainly all of us have made mistakes in the past or have been hurt by the actions of others. But they are done and over, and whatever harm they did cannot be changed, no matter how long we dwell on them. (Read Isaiah 43:14a, 18-19)

Yes, we need to stop living in the past, just as much as we need to stop being anxious about the future. If we want a blessed life, we must cling to God in the present and live “one day at a time,” doing by grace as much good as we can in those 24 hours. Then, there will be no more room in our lives for fears and anxieties, regrets and resentments. God will be with us, guiding and strengthening us all along the way.

Area III Worship Services

Eastern Orthodox

Saturday 6 p.m.

Freedom Chapel

Protestant

Collective

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Camp Humphreys' Zoeckler Station Chapel

11 a.m.

Camp Humphreys' Freedom Chapel, Camp Long Chapel, Suwon Air Base Chapel

2 p.m.

Camp Eagle Chapel

Gospel

Sunday 1 p.m.

Freedom Chapel

Wednesday 7 p.m.

Freedom Chapel

Contemporary

Sunday 6 p.m.

Freedom Chapel

KATUSA

Tuesday 7 p.m.

Freedom Chapel

Catholic

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Freedom Chapel

Mass

Sunday 4 p.m.

Camp Long Chapel

5:10 p.m.

Camp Eagle Chapel

KATUSA

Sunday 8 p.m.

Camp Long Chapel

Faith Formation

Wednesday 4 p.m.

Freedom Chapel

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Yongsan volunteers help to mix kimchi ingredients, Nov. 14, that they all agreed could be quite messy.

U.S. volunteers prepare kimchi for needy Koreans

By Sgt. Christopher Selmek

Area II Public Affairs

SEOUL — Eight Yongsan spouses joined more than 1,500 Korean volunteers Nov. 14 to help prepare about 40,000 heads of cabbage kimchi.

"I enjoy contributing to the community and making sure Koreans benefit from Americans being here," said Susan Patten, a military spouse taking part in the activity.

Patten said the event helped to develop a sense of camaraderie between Americans and Koreans.

This was the fourth year Yongsan community members have participated in the kimchi festival.

"We work closely with the local government every year and we always get a good crop of cabbages from our farm," said Soo-ja Wright, director for Na Jin Industries, the company responsible for donating the food. "It's become quite a tradition. Everybody seems to enjoy it."

Yongsan-gu government officials personally delivered the cabbages to needy families. A local company donated the cabbages.

Volunteers laid out cabbages, then smothered

them with spicy ingredients. The U.S. military spouses participated to show their appreciation for Korean culture; but they also did it for fun.

"Kimchi is the central part of each meal, but some people cannot afford the price of cabbage," Wright said. "Everyone involved feels good because they are helping people, and it gives Yongsan a good image to be providing this service to people."

To the Americans, the whole kimchi-making process seemed foreign.

"I've only done it once before, and this looks like a completely different process," Patten said. "Before,

I saw all the ingredients arranged in different bowls, where here it's all massed already. I think it's going to be easier this way."

Volunteers served coffee and tea to the busy kimchi makers. They also served traditional Korean pastries and, of course, kimchi.

"Kimchi is very good for you, and it can be quite addictive," Wright said. "You get used to the smell once you've been in Korea for a while, but you can never get tired of eating kimchi."

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Volunteers smother kimchi ingredients on the cabbages.

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Volunteers wear thick rubber gloves to protect their skin from spicy ingredients.



Susan Patten, a U.S. military spouse, prepares kimchi ingredients to make food for needy families.



More than 1,500 volunteers prepare 40,000 heads of cabbage kimchi for needy Korean families Nov. 14 in Seoul.



Comedy ROKs Returns

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is bringing Comedy ROKs back to Korea. Dante Carter, Miss Gayle and Spike Davis will perform their stand-up comedy act on installations throughout Korea Dec. 3-16.

With appearances on H.B.O.'s Def Comedy Jam, B.E.T.'s "Comic View," "Planet Grove," A&E's "Evening at the Improv," Showtime's "Laffapalooza" and "The Gordon Elliot Show," the trio boast fans across America and around the world.

Comedy ROKs is presented courtesy of MWR. All performances are free and open to military ID cardholders. For information, call 723-3749.

Scheduled performances in Korea include:

8:30 p.m. Friday, Yongsan, Main Post Club

8:30 p.m. Dec. 10, K-16AB, Lucky 7 Club

7 p.m. Sunday, Camp Eagle, Gunfighters Inn

7 p.m. Tuesday, Suwon, Scudbusters

7 p.m. Wednesday, Camp Stanley, Reggie's

7 p.m. Thursday, Camp Red Cloud, Mitchell's

7 p.m. Dec. 16, Camp Casey, Gateway Club

7 p.m. Dec. 17, Camp Hovey, Iron Triangle Club

USO Upcoming Events

Volunteers are being sought to participate in a Good Neighbor event at the Camp Kim USO Wednesday. The event will welcome Korean elementary school children and will include lunch and bowling. For information on these events, contact the local USO.

9-Ball Tourney

Beginning Monday, Area I community activity centers will host a nine-ball pool league for all interested personnel serving in Area I. For information, call the local CAC.

Camp Casey Seeks Bowler of the Month

Visit the Casey Bowling Center and be the star bowler of the month.

Individuals can participate in the event by submitting their score at the front desk. The person who hit the top score will be the winner of the week. And the winner will compete for the title of Bowler of the Month. The weekly winner will receive a coupon for one week of free bowling (limit two games per day). The winner for the month will receive one month of free bowling (limit two games a day) and a plaque.

TMCW Submissions

To have an event featured in The Morning Calm Weekly, e-mail information on the activity to morningcalmweekly@korea.army.mil.

BOSS brightens up K-16 for holidays

By Pfc. Lee Yang-Won

Area II Public Affairs

K-16 AIR BASE — Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers representatives decorated K-16 Air Base with lights and ornaments Nov. 29 to usher in the holiday spirit.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation provided the BOSS program with \$800 to purchase lights and decorations for the installation.

"Our program's goal is to decorate K-16 so Soldiers can have a better and more vivid Christmas feeling during wintertime," said Eric Yim, K-16 Air Base Community Activity Center director.

Yim said many of the Soldiers appreciated the gesture.

"It gives us something to look forward to," said Pfc. Samantha Huie, K-16 Air Base BOSS president. "Last year I was here for Christmas and I just stayed in my room. But this year,



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Spc. Dennis Sharek, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, puts ornaments on a Christmas tree.

decorating a tree and having Christmas parties on post could really lighten up Soldiers during the holiday."

With BOSS support, Soldiers can make K-16 more festive during holidays like Christmas, said Master Sgt. Wayne Bard, senior BOSS advisor.

"They don't have to experience the difficulty of reaching Yongsan and can have a great time staying in their deployed base," Bard said. "This event allows K-16 to get recognized better. I think making the base more attractive will encourage more people, especially kids who could have fun taking pictures with decorations."

About 20 BOSS Soldiers handled the work by putting up all kinds of

decorations and lights at the main gate, community activity center, clubs and post exchange.

"Christmas can be depressing to American Soldiers who are here without their family," said Spc. Timothy Mullen, K-16 Air Base BOSS vice president. "I hope this kind of event cheers them up and brings a smile to their faces."

Also, there will be an area across from the dining facility with a snowman and reindeer, so Soldiers can take pictures for their loved ones.

"I love Christmas, especially decorating stuff," said Pvt. Monica Green, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment. "It's fun because it gives other Soldiers something to look at so they can feel at home and ease up the pressure of being away from families during Christmastime."

BOSS is planning more K-16 support in the future. "As long as K-16 is here, we are willing to give it the full support and recognition it deserves." Lim said.



Pfc. Michael Waldren, Pvt. Adam Ortiz and Pfc. Forrest Harlow put up holiday decorations and lights at K-16 Air Base main gate.



CAPT. MIKI GILLOON

Inspirational Message

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Minjares, 8th MP Brigade chaplain, gives inspirational messages to the peninsula-wide audience during AFN Korea's Eagle Wing's program, as Airman 1st Class Ted Froats, AFN Korea broadcaster, monitors the signal levels. The Eagle Wings mission is to inspire, encourage and strengthen the faith of listeners through contemporary music and discussion of current topics of interest. Listeners can tune into Eagle Wings on AFN Korea Eagle FM 102.7FM, 8-9 a.m. Sundays.

Garrison or field: quartermaster job remains the same

By F. Neil Neeley

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – It's bitter cold and there's snow on the ground, but the starter on a vehicle has to be changed, and Pvt. Cody Smith, a wheeled mechanic with the 348th Quartermaster Company, is there to get the job done.

The 348th, an element of the 194th Maintenance Battalion, has been on a field training exercise for five days. Although it's cold and wet, the mission continues just as it did in garrison.

"We do it all out in the field," said Lt. Col. Steve Elkins, 194th Maint. Bn. commander. "A lot of the same missions that they have to do in garrison, they have to come out here and do as well. Only the location changes," he explained. "Back in garrison they may be working in a shop. Out here, they could be working out of a van."

"They do their jobs every day back at the shop and they get used to that,"

said 2nd Lt. Leslie Shipp 194th Maint. Bn. S-2. "This field exercise is just a training curve. It's not so much about being in the field; it's learning how to do your job better.

"The exercise is going really well," she added "Even though it's cold and wet here, the Soldiers aren't fussing and their morale is really high."

Pvt. Ernest Bragg, admin specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 194th Maint. Bn., was on guard duty Sunday when it began to snow.

"We're doing pretty well out here," he said. "We're adapting, we've got the appropriate gear and we've got the discipline to deal with the snow. I think we'll do pretty well for the duration.

"We'll be here until Dec. 8 to provide combat service support to our customers here in the area," said Maj. Elizabeth Keough, 194th Maint. Bn. executive officer. "We're providing maintenance and supplies with the help of the 348th Quartermaster Co. and



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Pvt. Cody Smith, 348th Quartermaster Company wheeled mechanic, changes a vehicle starter while in the field.

the 520th Maintenance Company.

"We're mainly just working on our field skills" she continued. "We're working on those common task and military occupational specialty skills that will keep the Soldier going and surviving in the field."

It's not only the enlisted Soldiers that benefit from the FTX.

"The key thing with our maintenance battalion is battle management," said Keough, "Manage the mission with survivability operations. We're trying to teach the young company commanders how to

do that. They can't do their mission if they can't secure their perimeter and stay alive."

"You've got to provide security and you've got to learn some basic survival skills," said Elkins. "We've got an aggressive opposition force out here that are harassing us right now."

He explained that the opposition forces were made up of members drawn from the various elements of the 194th.

"Those forces help us to deal with our wartime battle drills and how to pull it all together," he said.



Capt. Megan Brogden (left), commander of the 348th Quartermaster Company, prepares elements of the 348th Logistics Platoon for a convoy to another field training location. Sgt. 1st Class Ben Carter (center) and 2nd Lt. Jennie Clark are ready to move.

Civil Gathering Notice

A civil gathering is planned at the Pyeongtaek train station from 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11; Demonstrators are expected to move in three groups to the Pyeongtaek City Hall from 3:30-5 p.m. They are expected to hold a candlelight vigil at the city hall from 5-5:50 p.m.

The Pyeongtaek train station, the shopping area adjacent to the station, Pyeongtaek City Hall and downtown Pyeongtaek are off limits to all personnel from 8 a.m. until midnight Sunday. In addition, any routes to Daechu-ri, public transportation systems and all local surrounding villages including Daechu-ri, Bon Jong-ri and Won Jorg-ri are off limits -- except for residents traveling to and from their homes.

Personnel are advised to avoid large gatherings and to report any suspicious incidents to military police at 753-6600 or to the Camp Humphreys Operations Desk at 753-6111.

VIP Visit



F. NEIL NEELEY

Alexander Vershbow, U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Korea, receives an orientation briefing in a flight simulator at Camp Humphreys Dec. 2, from Chief Warrant Officer Brian R. Johnson, C Co., 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade (left) and Maj. Steve Morris, executive officer, USFK Advance Element. Varsbow attended a luncheon briefing at the 2nd CAB dining facility and then was given an orientation flight of the Humphreys area in a 2nd CAB AH-64 Longbow.

NEWS & NOTES

Health Fair

A Health Fair and Aerobathon for Area III is set for Saturday. There will be a 5K Run/Walk starting at 8 a.m. with registration at 7 a.m. The Health Fair is from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Humphrey's gym. Come out and enjoy aerobics and lots of great health information. Call Sylvia Eckman, RN and Area III health promotion coordinator, at 753-7657 for information.

Cold Weather Driving Tips

Let safety be the first consideration for yourself, your family, your friends and your co-workers when you drive in Korea or in the United States this winter. Before beginning your cold weather journey:

- Ask yourself if your journey is absolutely essential
- Check local and national weather forecasts
- Listen to local and national radio for travel information
- Tell someone what time you expect to arrive
- Think about taking warm clothes, boots, and a flashlight – it could be a long walk to a phone
- Clear your windows and mirrors of snow and ice before you set off

Financial Management Classes

Army Community Service offers classes in financial management to help Soldiers, civilians and family members learn how to handle personal finances and the basics of savings and investments. Classes are held at ACS, Building 311. Call 753-8401/8403 for information or to register.

Scholarships and Grants

Military Officers Association of America scholarships and grants are available to children of military parents who plan to attend an accredited college or university during the 2006-2007 school year. The Web site at http://www.moaa.org/serv/serv_education/serv_education_new_students/index.htm provides a description of the scholarships, criteria for qualification and application forms. The online application must be completed and submitted no later than March 1, 2006.

Combined Federal Campaign

With just a few days left for the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas, Area III is "doing pretty well," according to Dave Satterfield, with the following numbers: Contact total – 60 percent; donations – \$140,000. It's still not too late to make your donation. The campaign runs thru Thursday, so seek out your unit rep and give generously to CFC.

Striking up friendships on the alley

By Susan Barkley

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Twenty-four Camp Humphreys Soldiers made some new friends and discovered how serious many Koreans are about their bowling at the Strike Zone Nov. 26, when they bowled with 24 Korean bowlers.

Gyeong-gi Province sponsored "Friendship Through Bowling," that brought together Soldiers from 527th Military Intelligence Battalion, Pyeongtaek Bowlers Association and members of People to People International Pyeongtaek Chapter for an afternoon of friendly competition. There were eight teams consisting of three Korean and three U.S. bowlers per team.

"Friendship and friendly sports competition can facilitate the USFK move to Pyeongtaek and strengthen our relationship," said Kwon In-sik, Gyeong-gi Province director general for USFK relocation support.

Friendship through bowling is only one of a variety of programs the province is sponsoring in the Pyeongtaek area. Kwon said they sponsor cultural tours for Soldiers, concerts, sporting events and the annual Chusok festival at Camp Humphreys and a common values project. The goal of all the activities is to create friendship and better understanding between individuals.

"Today's event came at a good time," said Lt. Col. Gerald L. Phifer, commander 527th Military Intelligence Battalion. "Our Soldiers are off today and some of them would not have had anything to do."

Phifer added that the event gave Soldiers and Koreans the chance to meet and get to know each other in a good setting.

"This is a great bowling alley," said Pak Jeong-jun. "I didn't expect such



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First Sgt. John Helring, A Company, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion, bowls with Han Gin-gil, Nov. 26 at the Humphreys bowling center.

a nice facility and the bowling is great for us to understand each other."

"The first thing that I felt today is that this kind of sports activity could be a good opportunity for all Korean people to see the American people and strengthen the friendship between the two nations," said Yang Sung-pom.

"I enjoyed it very much. I'm sorry that because of the language barrier, I couldn't communicate [too much] with the Soldiers. If I could, I could know much about the American people and the American culture," he said.

Although language was a problem, Yang found that "sports is another language between people."

"I haven't bowled in five years, this is so fun," said Sgt. 1st Class Maria K. Vockert, A Company, 527th MI.

Vockert said the event was a "positive option" for Soldiers and was a way for them to do something different and have a cross-cultural experience at the same time.

Following two games and lunch, prizes were handed out to the top three teams and the high score for men and women. A number of gifts were also presented in a drawing and the 48 bowlers were all smiling as they left.

"Bowling is an international game," said Yu Pom-tong, Area III community relations officer. "It [the language barrier] doesn't make any difference at all"

Hogue takes over Humphreys Youth Sports

By Susan Barkley

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Youth Sports at Camp Humphreys has a new face and a new energy, thanks to the new youth sports director who arrived in Korea Sept. 27 and jumped into her job the next day.

Lisa J. Hogue, who holds a degree in exercise fitness management from the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Okla., and a master's degree in sports administration from Grambling State University of Grambling, La., has five years experience in juvenile recreation and one year of experience in event management with Michigan State University's athletic department.

Hogue's goals are to establish a solid foundation for the youth sports programs that she sees growing with the expansion of Camp Humphreys. She wants to create a starting point, so the



Lisa J. Hogue

programs will continue to grow with continued success in the years to come. She also is looking to expand community support for youth sports programs.

Soccer, basketball and baseball are the core sports in the youth sports program and Hogue is looking to expand the sports opportunities for Humphreys' youth. She is considering indoor soccer, track and field, and volleyball, but points out that type of expansion is not in the immediate future. She is currently working with Jim Howell, U.S. Army Area III Support Activity sports director, to establish youth divisions in the runs he sponsors.

Hogue is proud of the record for the Jaguars, the 11- to 12-year-old soccer team. They had a great season but were defeated in the peninsula-wide championships.

All youth sports teams are co-educational and Hogue is looking for more youth and more volunteers so she can expand her program. For information on Youth Sports programs, contact Hogue at 753-8507.

Humphreys kicks off Christmas season

CAMP HUMPHREYS – The Christmas season kicked off here Monday, with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. In addition to the main tree, 16 smaller trees, decorated by various units and organizations, were lighted to the sounds of carols from the

Catholic congregation children's choir. The guest of honor, Saint Nick himself, arrived to check out the trees and stayed for a while at the Community Activity Center, to hear Christmas wishes while everyone enjoyed Christmas treats.



Sisters Abby (left) and Annie Wilson, six-and-a-half and four-and-a-half years old, join the crowd greeting Santa at Monday's tree-lighting ceremony. They enjoyed showing off their unique mittens.



One of the theme trees on Camp Humphreys Christmas Tree Lane this year is this entry from the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, that borrows from a television commercial from years past – M&M's; They Do Exist. Members of the 602nd at the lighting ceremony are (left to right) Command Sgt. Maj. Franz Philippe, Maj. Ronnie Williamson, Sgt. Dorian McGill, Sgt. LaTarrah Jaffeux, Lt. Col. Gregory Fawcett, Sgt. Jan Wong, Pfc. Juan Rodriguez and Spc. Shawna Meddess.



PHOTOS BY ROGER EDWARDS

The Catholic congregation children's choir entertains the crowd with Christmas carols during Monday's annual Christmas Tree Lane tree-lighting ceremony at Camp Humphreys.



The big guy himself came down from the North Pole to help Camp Humphreys kick off the yule season at Monday's annual tree-lighting ceremony on Christmas Tree Lane.

HAES students learn, use problem-solving techniques

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – The boys and girls in Jackie Farmer's third-grade class at Humphreys American Elementary School had some fun last week, designing and building "bots." They were also learning how to solve problems.

"I assigned this project so that the students could make use of 'UPSL,'" said Farmer.

UPSL stands for understand, plan, solve and look back, according to Farmer. "It's a way to approach and solve problems," she said, "and we're using it throughout the school this year."

The first step each student took for the project was to define the problem the bot would solve. Billy Bowman took his cue from the weather and decided to build a snow removal robot. Several students decided the robot they wanted would be a personal maid or a "chore bot." Ashley Burton designed a

laundry bot that would do everything from separating the whites and colors to fluffing, folding and putting away clean garments. Laura Eckman decided hers would be a homework bot to assist with after-school assignments, and Joshua Shelton built sea-bot, a guardian of the world's oceans and ocean life.

Once each student defined a problem, it was time to plan. To assist with homework a bot would need a brain, but it would also need eyes, a way to open books and to write on paper, and a power source.

To solve the problems, students gave their creations appendages with specialized tools. A chore bot might need a feather duster, while a sea guardian might find a vacuum arm useful in cleaning up the ocean.

The students decided to use batteries, wall plugs or solar electric to power their robots, and figured out how the machines might move if they needed to move.

Once the problems had been

defined, the plans made and the difficulties solved, it was time to look back, time to make sure that the plans and solutions really applied

to the problem defined.

Then it was time to build. Then it was time to show the class their ingenuity.



ROGER EDWARDS

Laura Eckman's "Homework Bot" wears glasses and holds a pencil in its right grasper and is ready to assist its creator with any school assignments that might come up.

Brownies donate books to Camp Walker Library

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP WALKER – After several months of effort, the Brownies and adult leaders of Daegu's Troop 17 revealed the results of an extensive community service project Saturday at the Camp Walker Library – a donation of 250 children's books to the children's section of the library.

It isn't often a group of first- to third-grade youth are considered subject matter experts when it comes to completing a community service project. When it comes to recognizing what kids most need, however, who would know better?

When brainstorming a community service project last year, the Brownies and adult leaders from Daegu's Troop 17 hit upon the idea of purchasing children's books for the Camp Walker Library. The troop held a "bowl-a-thon" in April to raise funds for their book project. Participants solicited flat donations and pledges for the total number of pins they knocked down. Then they went to work – raising nearly \$1,000 at the event. The girls also sought monetary donations and "gently used" books to bolster their effort.

"They were all impressed and



GALEN PUTNAM

Daegu Troop 17 Brownies (left to right) Ryan Vega, Emily Cox, and Caitlin Hertzendorf, along with Brandon Vega, check out a selection of the 250 books donated to the Camp Walker Library by members of the troop.

surprised by the amount of books when they saw them," said Andrea Hertzendorf, troop co-leader last year with Beth Vega, who hatched the book idea.

The books run from pre-school "board books" featuring subjects such as Barney and Sesame Street, to popular

youth series' such as "Hoof Beats," "Animal Ark" and others.

"They needed new books, so we thought buying books for the library would be a good idea," said Tianna Webb, 10. "We got some books that are our level and some for older kids too."

"I didn't find a lot of interesting books so we decided to get new books," said Brownie Ryan Vega. "We looked for specific series for kids our age and for other ages. I think when kids see the new books, they will say, 'wow, cool, can we check these books out?'"

After completing the fund-raising process, Hertzendorf placed a mass order with a well-known schoolbook distribution company. Upon placing such a large order, Hertzendorf not only received boxes of books, but a rebate check as well. She used the windfall to order more books, bringing the total number of books donated to 250.

"When I came here, there weren't exciting books," said Caitlin Hertzendorf, who is a fan of "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis. "It feels good to help. I like to help other children."

"There are finally some new books," said Selena Scott. "I am happy because I can come here to read the new books."

The books all carry a sticker inside the front cover reading, "Courtesy of Brownie Troop 17, Girl Scouts 2005." The stickers also list the names of the troop members who participated in the project. Scouting years run in

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Honoring Heritage



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Sgt. Adakai L. Vanessa, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Area Support Group, Camp Carroll, performs a dance in traditional Navajo dress Nov. 30 at the Evergreen Community Club on Camp Walker, as part of the National American Indian Heritage Month luncheon. The event also included a flute performance by Charlene Thompson, a junior from Taegu American School, and samples of traditional American Indian food. The guest speaker was Jennifer Smith, a teacher at TAS who has studied American Indian culture and previously taught on Navajo and Apache Indian reservations. President George H.W. Bush designated the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month in 1990. This year's theme is "Honoring Heritage and strengthening our Nation's Spirit."

New ATM open on Camp Walker

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – A new automated teller machine located inside the Camp Walker Army Lodge began operating Dec. 2 to provide community members easier access to banking services including withdrawals, balance inquiries and cash transfers. The ATM will be available 24 hours a day.

Another ATM is planned for Camp George, according to Choi Kwang-yong, Camp Henry Community Bank manager. The ATM's location and installation date have not yet been determined.

Winter formal set for Dec. 17

Area IV Public Affairs

The Area IV winter formal "Peace, Hope and Prosperity for all Mankind at Team Daegu" will be held at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 17, at the Evergreen Community Club on Camp Walker.

Required dress is formal gown, tuxedo, black-tie formal, Mess Dress, Dress Blues or Class As with white shirt and bow tie. The cost is \$30 per ticket. For information, call Sgt. Maj. Louis J. Velez at 768-6322.

NEWS & NOTES

Walker Dental Clinic

The Camp Walker Dental Clinic is offering limited service until Dec. 30 due to a field training exercise and transition to the renovated dental clinic. The newly named Bodine Dental Clinic is scheduled to open Jan. 6. For information, call Staff Sgt. James F. Lanier at 764-4307.

Fine Arts Exhibition

Camp Walker Child and Youth Services will hold its annual Boys and Girls Club of America National Fine Arts Exhibition Recognition Ceremony 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Evergreen Community Club on Camp Walker. For information, call Yong DuBois at 764-5722 or 5721.

Afternoon with Santa

The Taegu American School Parent Teacher Organization will sponsor "Afternoon with Santa" 2 – 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the TAS cafeteria. There will be games, arts and crafts, face painting, and much more. "Santa's Workshop" will be open to youths who would like to purchase gifts for their parents or other adults. Refreshments will be available. For information, call Ted Vynorius at 011-9932-6388.

VFW Children's Christmas Party

VFW Post 10033 in Daegu will host its annual children's Christmas party 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Dec. 17 at VFW Post 10033 near Camp Walker Gate #4. Registration deadline is Wednesday. For information, call Ralph Connor at 764-3773 or e-mail him at connorr@korea.army.mil.

AAFES Bazaar

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will hold a bazaar 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Dec. 17 and 18, at the Kelly Fitness Center on Camp Walker. For information, call Yi Su-yong at 764-4638.

Baby-sitting Classes

The American Red Cross will hold a baby-sitting class, including infant and child CPR, from 4 – 8:30 p.m., Dec. 19 through 20, at the Red Cross Office on Camp Henry. Registration fee is \$40. For information or to register, call Jimmie Finch at 768-7993.

Lifeguard Class

The American Red Cross will conduct a lifeguard class featuring CPR- PR, AED and PDT from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Dec. 19 – 23, at the Camp Carroll indoor pool. Pre-test will be held 1 p.m. Dec. 18. Registration fee is \$85. For information or to sign up, call Jimmie Finch at 768-7993.

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4th QM wings its way to Alaska

By Steven Hoover

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HIALEAH – Saying goodbye is never easy, but that is what members of the 4th Quartermaster Detachment (Airborne), a unit assigned here since September 1989, are currently doing.

Effective Thursday, the unit is being relocated to Fort Richardson, Alaska, in support of the Army's plan of stationing that provides necessary support elements for the new modular brigades, ensuring the Army is properly postured to fully support all of its strategic commitments.

A departure ceremony, conducted Monday at the Camp Hialeah Fitness Center, was an opportunity to highlight both the unit's history and the achievements of the Soldiers who currently make up the unit. About 20 of the unit's 52 members are being reassigned to Alaska.

"The unit and its legacy, represented by the fine warriors standing before you today, have helped to ensure stability for the past 22 years while serving as the only forward deployed aerial delivery unit on the peninsula," said Col. George K. Washington, 20th Area Support Group commander. "Few things remain status-quo these days. Our Army is transforming into a joint and expeditionary force, our enemies are volatile and our international challenges remain uncertain, complex and ambiguous. However, one thing is for certain – the 4th Quartermaster Detachment will continue to provide rock-steady mission support to our joint and combined military forces worldwide, as we continue to transform and fight and win our Global War on Terrorism."

The 4th QM Det. was originally constituted Aug. 12, 1943, as the 928th Quartermaster Petroleum Products Laboratory. The unit served in World War



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Spc. Stanley Tanyhill, 4th Quartermaster Detachment (Airborne), attaches a G-12 parachute to a Container Delivery System during a joint service and interoperability exercise May 17-22, 2004.

II, Korea and Vietnam in a variety of iterations. The detachment was reorganized June 21, 1983, at Osan Air Base, and then reorganized into its most recent configuration Sept. 15, 1989, at Camp Hialeah.

The 4th QM Det. is credited with participating in numerous campaigns during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. During World War II, the unit was engaged in conflicts throughout Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe. During the Korean War, the detachment participated in several UN offensives and several Chinese Communist Forces interventions. In Vietnam, the unit was engaged in the Phase IV Counteroffensive and the Tet Counteroffensive.

"As we speak, our last container of equipment is moving to the port," Capt. Jonathan Ackiss, 4th QM Det. commander, told those in attendance.

"During the past week, vehicles, pieces

of rolling stock and containers have been cleaned, inspected, loaded and moved to port. In less than two weeks time, the unit will depart this great country knowing that we did our part to help preserve and maintain peace and democracy."

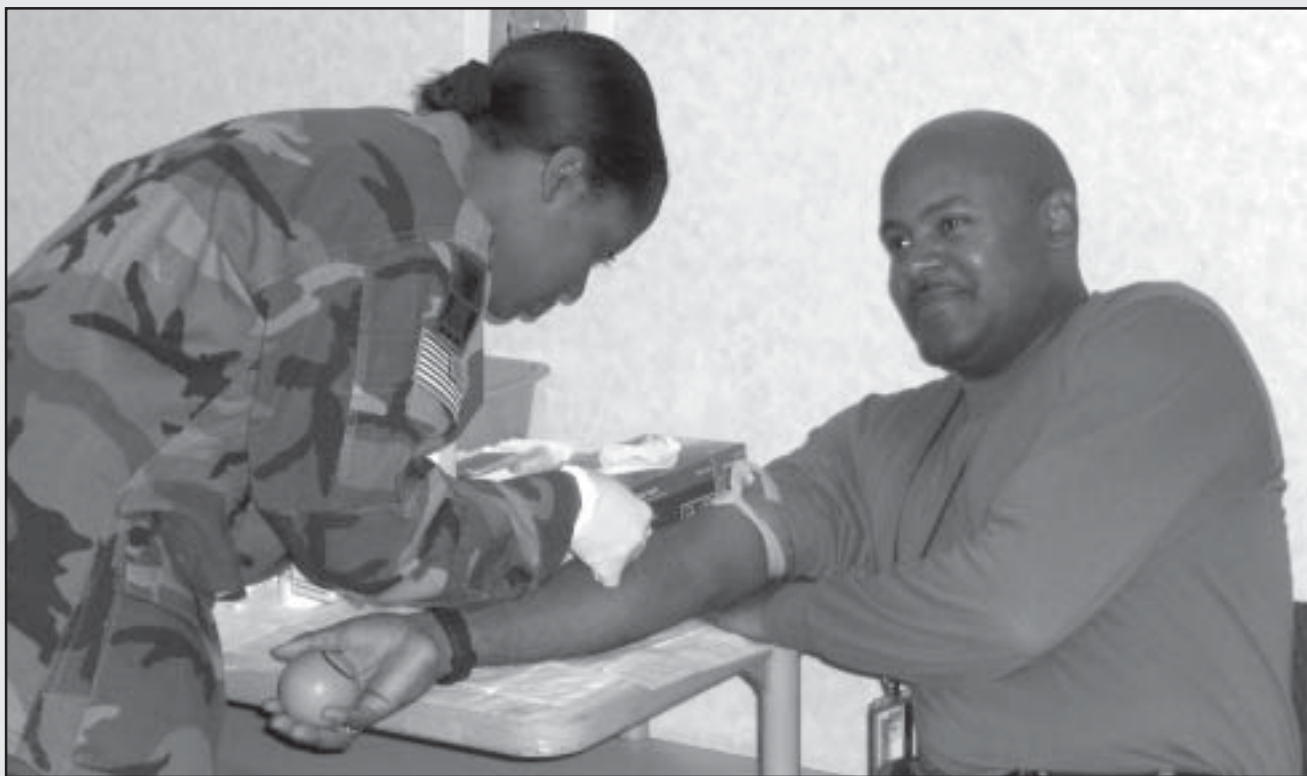
Both Washington and Ackiss mentioned Soldiers in the unit who excelled both in uniform and as volunteers in the community: Staff Sgt. Christopher Emmons became the unit's first graduate of the Army's Jumpmaster School at Fort Bragg, N.C.; Sgt. Timothy Perrill and Staff Sgt. Gregory Courtney were recently named Camp Hialeah Volunteers of the Quarter. Together, they ran the Camp Hialeah post theater. Besides the quarterly awards, Courtney and Perrill, along with Chief Warrant Officer Kelvin Thompson, Spc. Imari Trice, Spc. Donald Collins and Spc. Heliberto Manzolua were all presented with Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals.

Perrill, who is headed to Fort Bragg, said, "Someone was needed to run the projector at the theater, so I had someone teach me how to do it. After that, we've been running the theater for about the last six or seven months with a volunteer crew of 12 or 13 people, all from our unit."

Courtney, one of the Soldiers who is headed to Alaska, said that the choice for him was pretty easy. "My wife is originally from New Hampshire and we've spent most of the last 10 years at Fort Bragg," he said. "She asked to go to a place with a cooler climate, so Alaska it is."

At a reception in the unit's honor at the Pusan Pub following the ceremony, the unit received one last honor. Lt. Col. Roger R. Dansereau, Pusan Storage Facility and Camp Hialeah installation commander, presented the Commander's Cup sports trophy to the unit for transport to its new home at Fort Richardson.

Marrow Registry



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Capt. Lamisa S. Guy draws blood from Sgt. 1st Class Bryan S. Briscoe of the 168th Medical Battalion, Dec. 1 at Wood Medical Clinic on Camp Walker as part of 18th U.S. Army Medical Command's Peninsula-wide Bone Marrow Registration Drive. The Peninsula-wide donor registration was conducted Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, drawing 109 new potential donors from Area IV, who will be registered at the Department of Defense Marrow Registry. The National Marrow Donor Program connects patients and their physicians to unrelated donors, assisting those who are diagnosed with leukemia, aplastic anemia or other fatal blood diseases.

Carroll's DDDK gets requisitions to the field faster

Defense Logistics Agency

Defense Distribution Center

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa. – Located at Camp Carroll, the Defense Distribution Depot Korea, or DDDK, is providing enhanced physical distribution services to the Armed Forces peninsula-wide through a robust forward stock positioning program.

Activated in January 2005, DDDK became the 26th distribution center operated by the Defense Distribution Center, the lead center for distribution for the Defense Logistics Agency. And although they've been in business less than a year, their customers are already seeing results.

"The streamlining of same-day trucks three days a week has put high-priority requisitions in the hands of Soldiers a day faster. All transactions have been smooth and I have heard of no problems with damaged products," said Sgt. 1st Class Irving C. McClure, liaison to the 2nd Infantry Division.

"It's important that we support our customers while standing up a first class operation," said DDDK Commander, Lt. Col. James E. Lippstreu. "We are adding about 2,000 lines of inventory each month, at the same time providing 24/7 support to our warfighters. We are ready to support our current mission in a contingency, and to support the 'fight tonight' as required by our customers."

One of the first DDDK initiatives to bring results to customers is multi-stop direct delivery. DDDK established multi-stop direct deliveries for nearly all DoD activities they support. This effort alone has reduced customer wait time from seven days down to two to five days, and has increased in-transit visibility at the same time.



Ed Keener, a Defense Distribution Depot Korea materials handler, uses a state-of-the-art handheld radio frequency scanner to process a customer Material Release Order.

DDDK also established an effective partnership with the 837th Transportation Battalion (Port) of the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command. This teamwork has reduced customer wait time for containers arriving from the continental United States, improved visibility of shipments, and increased efficiency of theater transportation.

DDDK's focus on serving the customer is one of the driving factors that will enable the DLA transformation into a Customer Focused Organization. DDDK continuously reviews existing logistics support identifying opportunities to refine support on both the strategic and tactical levels.

These enhancements provide key customers like the 19th Theater Support Command and all other critical customers in Korea the increased readiness required for their forward operations.

Looking to that future, Lippstreu and the DDDK team are working to continue to reduce theater transportation time while supporting the theater logistics transformation. "We will continue engaging our customers," Lippstreu said, "so that we provide them the best distribution services possible."

DDDK has assisted several Army units in transshipping critical warfighter items around the world and back to the United States, as the Army refits for future operations.

All of these changes present unique distribution challenges. "We have to support today's warfighter while planning for tomorrow's force structure," Lippstreu said. "That's why our motivated, dedicated and flexible workforce is critical to our efforts."

DDDK's 50-person workforce is diverse, made up of American military, Department of Defense civilians, and Korean employees. A top priority for Lippstreu is to ensure the right people are hired and that they are mentored and developed to ensure future success of DDDK.

"We want to continue to educate our valued customers on the types of support that DLA can offer, assist them on distribution issues and help make their lives better during their tour in Korea," Lippstreu said.

DDDK's primary mission is to provide enhanced physical distribution services to the U.S. Armed Forces located on the Korean Peninsula. DDDK will stock thousands of National Stock Numbers and will reduce transportation costs and customer wait time in support of forces located in Korea.

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The EPA offers tips for reducing waste during the holidays

Environmental Protection Agency

Here are a few tips from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for waste prevention, reuse and recycling during and after the holidays.

■ If you host a party, set the table with cloth napkins and reusable dishes, glasses and silverware. Consider renting formal tableware that you might not use very often. Also save and reuse party hats, decorations and favors.

■ After holiday festivities, put leftovers in recyclable containers and share them with family, friends, or others. Donate whole, untouched

leftovers from parties to a local food bank or homeless shelter.

■ Show your guests where to put recyclables such as aluminum, glass and plastic beverage containers.

■ After parties, fill your dishwasher to capacity before running it. You will run fewer cycles, which saves energy.

■ Wash and reuse empty glass and plastic jars, milk jugs, coffee cans, dairy tubs and other similar containers that would otherwise get thrown away. These containers can be used to store leftovers, as well as buttons, nails or other loose items.

■ Avoid placing hard, thick or waxy food scraps down the drain. These materials can clog the pipes or damage garbage disposal blades and send parts of your sink to the landfill before their time.

■ If you're going away from home for the holidays, to save energy, turn down your thermostat and put lights on timers.

■ Buy products in concentrate, bulk or in refillable containers. Many items are available in these sizes. They reduce packaging waste and can save you money. Combine waste-reducing practices, such as buying coffee in

bulk and storing it in your leftover empty coffee cans.

■ November is an excellent time of year to conduct neighborhood food or clothing drives to help those in need.

Additional information on what you can do to help reduce and better manage waste can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/citizens.htm>.

You can also contact the local Area IV Support Activity Directorate of Public Works Environmental Office at the following numbers: Daegu, 768-8730; Camp Carroll, 765-7478; Busan, 763-7448.

Brownies

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conjunction with the school year, so some of the girls who started the project are no longer here and there were some new faces to finish up what their predecessors began. That adds to the learning process, according Hertzendorf, who is Troop 17 leader this year.

"Besides providing a service to the community, long-term projects like this teach the girls how to plan and then follow things through to completion," she said. "The girls who are new got to pick up where the other girls left off. This type of project takes a lot of cooperation and teamwork."

The books will now be shipped to Seoul, where they will be cataloged and processed into the peninsula-wide automated tracking system, according to Shelia Duckworth, Camp Walker librarian. When the books return,

they will be put on special display for a month or so.

"I think this is great. This was much needed in the Children's Room," she said. "They chose a good selection of books, including many classics. This will really help fill the gaps in our children's collection."

"I can't wait until the books are ready. Kids should read a lot because it helps their education," said Brownie Emily Cox. "Kids will say 'wow, who got all these books for the library?' And when they see the stickers in the books, they will know it was Brownie Troop 17."

Girl Scout officials were impressed with the effort as well. "This was a unique project that will have a positive impact on the community," said Kathryn Shaw, Girl Scouts of America overseas committee chair from

Daegu. "Even people who know nothing about the Girl Scouts will know about their contribution when they see the books."

The Girl Scouts in Daegu accept new members in grades Kindergarten through 12 year-round. Seniors, in grades 10-12, meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays. For information, call Debbie Weigle at 764-4085. Weigle is also the point of contact for kindergarten-age members. Cadets, in grades 7 - 9, meet at 6 p.m. Mondays. For information, call LaTondra Anderson at 011-1762-4432. Juniors, in grades 4 - 6, meet from 4:30 - 5: 30 p.m. Wednesdays. For information, call Lynn San Nicholas at 053-475-3602. Brownies, in grades 1 - 3, meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For information, call Hertzendorf at 764-4466.

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성탄절기념 나무 점등행사 개최 용산은 이번 주 목요일에, 한남 빌리지는 12월 12일에 열릴 예정

제2지역시설사 공보실
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제 2 지역 용산기지는 성탄절을 맞이하여 소방서 옆에서 수목 장식과 더불어 “겨울 원더랜드” 축제를 이번 주 목요일 오후 5시에 가질 예정이다.

제 2지역 사령관인 론 스티븐스 대령은 그의 아내와 컵 스카우트, 브라우니 걸 스카우트와 함께 8군 거리 내의 나무들에 불을 밝힐 예정이다.

제 2지역 사회 활동 책임자인 마리오 파롤라는 “이런 행사는 용산 기지에 성탄절 분위기를 가져다 주며 사람들로 하여금 그 의미를 되새기게 해준다” 라고 말했다. 그는 “이런 기회를 통해 집에서 멀리 떨어져 있는 사람들은 한국에서 조금이나마 고향의 정취를 느낄 수 있을 것이다” 라고 덧붙였다.

겨울 원더랜드 축제의 점등과 장식품들은 8군 거리의 10번 게이트에서 시작하여 17번 게이트까지 전시된다. 모든 점등은 동시 다발적으로 일어날 예정이다.

파롤라씨는 10번과 17번 게이트 사이의 성탄 축하 팻말과 나무들의 점등은 용산 기지에서 하나의 전통으로 자리잡았다고 말한다.

제 2지역 코리안 서비스 본부의 보수 및 유지 기획담당자인 안진우씨는 17번 게이트와 고가 도로에 쓰여있는 연휴 인사말이 행사의 백미라고 말한다.

파롤라씨는 “코리안 서비스 본부는 11월 첫날부터 사람들이 보게 될 성탄절 장식들을 꾸미기 시작했다” 고 말했다. 그는 이어 “이들은 성탄절 장식을 위해 매일 추운 날씨 속에서도 부지런히 일했다” 고 칭찬하였다.

그는 제 2지역 코리안 서비스 본부를 일컬으면서 이러한 행사 준비에 있어서 그가 알고 있는 헌신적이고 전문적인 조직들 중의 하나라고 표현한다. 파롤라씨는 “그들의 이런 노력은 자부심의 표현이다” 라고 말했으며 “그들에게 성탄절 장식은 매우 중요한 의미를 가지며 8월에 이 행사를 계획하여 지금까지 준비 해 왔다” 고 밝혔다.

점등 행사에 이어 컵 스카우트와 브라우니 걸 스카우트가 크리스마스 캐롤을 부르며, 2000 달러에 달하는 쇼핑 상품권과 유모차 추첨행사가 있을 예정이다. 산타 할아버지와 난쟁이들과의 사진 촬영은 오후 6시에 소방서에서 있을 예정이며 소방서 내에는 케익과 음료가 준비되어 있다.

파롤라씨는 “스티븐스 대령이 두 스카우트의 회원들과 함께 나무들을 점등하는 순간 온 거리가 밝혀질 것이다” 라고 말했으며 “그 순간이 바로 본격적인 휴가시즌이 될 것” 이라고 밝혔다.

한남 빌리지 수목 점등행사는 12월 12일 오후 5시 30분 코미써리 앞에서 있을 예정이다.

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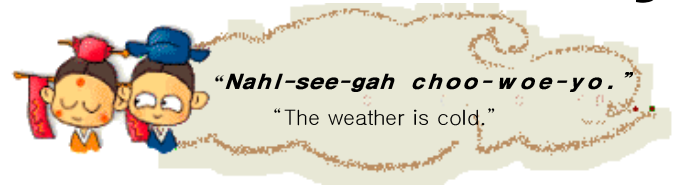


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Language Instructor



Single Consonants											
ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ	ㅇ	ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅋ	ㅌ
g	n	d	r, l	m	b	sh, s	ng	j	ch	k	t
Double Consonants											
ㄲ		ㄸ			ㅃ			ㅆ		ㅊ	ㅍ
gg		dd			bb			ss		jj	
Single Vowels											
ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ		ㅣ	
ah	yah	oe	yoh	oh	yo	oo	you	ue		ee	
Double Vowels											
ㅘ	ㅙ	ㅚ	ㅜ	ㅝ	ㅞ	ㅟ	ㅠ	ㅢ	ㅤ	ㅥ	ㅦ
eh	yeh	yeh		weh	wah	wuh	wee			ui	

Word of the week

불

ㅃ ; b, ㅜ ; oo, ㄹ ; l
'bool'
a fire

The phrase of the week

“Be careful with fire.”

불 조심하세요.

Bool jo-sheem-hah-seh-yo.

a fire

Be careful with

Conversation of the week

요즘 불이 많이 나요.

There are a lot of fires these days.

Yo-juem bool-ee
mah-nee nah-yo.

불 조심해야해요.

We should be careful with fire.

Bool jo-sheem-heh-ya-heh-yo.

소화기 있어요?

Is there an extinguisher here?

So-hwah-gee ee-soe-yo?

그럼요.

Of course.

Gue-roem-yo.

가까이 두세요.

You should keep it near.

Gah-ggah-ee do-seh-yo.

네.

Yes.

Neh.

감기

gahm-gee

a cold

건강

goen-gahng

health

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